

**Degree:** Associate of Arts

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Concentration:** English/Creative Writing

**Major:** Creative Writing

**Credits completed at College of DuPage:** 64

**Credits at Columbia College Chicago:** 56

You're a writer, and you want to write. In the Creative Writing bachelor's degree program at Columbia College Chicago, you'll write from day one, immediately discovering your creative process as you craft stories, poems, essays, and hybrid texts. You'll choose a concentration, but you'll work within all genres, developing transferrable skills that will help you become a more effective writer. Learn more at [colum.edu/academics](http://colum.edu/academics).

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
ENGLI 1130 Introduction to Literature <b>or</b>	3	LITR 103 Introduction to Literary Interpretation
ENGLI 2250 Introduction to Creative Writing	*	CRWR 110 Foundations of Creative Writing
MATH 1218 General Education Mathematics	3	MATH 110 College Mathematics
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
ENGLI 1130 Introduction to Literature <sup>1</sup> <b>or</b>	3	LITR 103 Introduction to Literary Interpretation <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2250 Introduction to Creative Writing	*	CRWR 110 Foundations of Creative Writing <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2221 British Lit from 1800 through the Present <b>and/or</b>	3-6	LITR 202 English Authors: Romantics to Contemporary <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 2224 American Lit from the Civil War to the Present	*	LITR 212 American Authors: 20th Century to Contemporary <sup>2</sup>
IAI Life Science course with Lab	4	Life Science course with Lab
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16 - 19</b>	

3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1154 Film as Literature	3	LITR 268 Literature on Film <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 1160 Native American Literature <b>or</b>	3	LITR 235 Native American Literature <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 1161 Multicultural Literatures of the US <b>or</b>	*	Meets Columbia Literature requirement <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 1165 Literature and Gender	*	Meets Columbia Literature requirement <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 2251 Fiction Writing <b>or</b>	3	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning
ENGLI 2252 Poetry Writing <b>or</b>	*	CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning
ENGLI 2253 Creative Nonfiction Writing <b>and/or</b>	*	CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning
ENGLI 2261 Writing for Publication	*	Collegewide Elective <sup>2</sup>
IAI Physical Science course	4	Physical Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>13 - 16</b>	

4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 2221 British Lit from 1800 through the Present <b>and/or</b>	3-6	LITR 202 English Authors: Romantics to Contemporary <sup>2</sup>
ENGLI 2224 American Lit from the Civil War to the Present	*	LITR 212 American Authors: 20th Century to Contemporary <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2251 Fiction Writing <b>or</b>	3	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2252 Poetry Writing <b>or</b>	*	CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2253 Creative Nonfiction Writing <b>and/or</b>	*	CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning <sup>1</sup>
ENGLI 2261 Writing for Publication	*	Collegewide Elective <sup>2</sup>
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences course
English Elective	3	Collegewide Elective
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Completion of AA Degree: 64 credit hours**

<sup>1</sup>Refrain from repeating courses.

<sup>2</sup>Course is not required for Columbia major, but will be applied toward graduation requirements as a collegewide elective.

**Recommendation:** Complete a minimum of 16 credit hours per semester to earn the required 64 hours for the Associate of Arts degree.

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

## 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
Intermediate Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
Craft and Process Seminar course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	2
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

## 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
CRWR 316 Writer's Portfolio	3
LITR 386 Seminar in Literary Interpretation	3
Craft and Process Seminar course	3
Innovation and Impact (Columbia Experience course)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
Advanced Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
LITR 386 Seminar in Literary Interpretation	3
Creative Writing Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

## 8<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
Thesis Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
Creative Writing Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

## Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Additionally, all degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, Columbia Experience courses as indicated, as well as at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

## Creative Writing Concentrations

- **Fiction** - Flex your storytelling muscles as you build a wide-ranging creative practice in writing. You'll study classic and contemporary novels and short stories as well as experimental texts. By studying a diverse range of authors, you'll develop critical reading and writing skills.
- **Nonfiction** - Learn the history, forms, genres, and techniques of nonfiction writing. As you create your own body of work, you will study the evolving role of nonfiction writing in literature.
- **Poetry** - Discover your poetic voice and develop your craft as you write the poems that are meaningful to you. By the time you graduate, you'll be grounded in the history of poetry and poetics and will have mastered a variety of writing techniques.

## Outside of the Classroom:

You can work on Columbia's student-edited, nationally distributed publications: Columbia Poetry Review, Hair Trigger, and Punctuate. From submitting work to taking the lead in publishing, editing, and producing, you can contribute to these highly professional publications.

## Pursue a Related Minor:

- Creative Advertising
- Interactive Media Development and Entrepreneurship
- Live and Performing Arts Management
- Radio
- Theatre Directing
- Writing for Performance

## READY TO APPLY?

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