CREATIVE WRITING

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University offer jointly the MFA in Creative Writing. This degree provides students with opportunities to develop their skills in writing fiction, poetry, drama, and creative non-fiction. It is the terminal degree. Through extensive practice in workshops and craft and theory courses, students will develop their creative writing abilities while also studying literature and completing a relevant internship.

Admission Requirements

Students must be accepted by the Graduate School at The University of Akron or one of the other three participating universities. They must also submit three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and a writing portfolio. The portfolio will be reviewed by an admissions committee of members from all four universities. Application materials must be submitted by January 15.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete the following courses among the participating universities by taking classes restricted to graduate students only, except as noted below:

- Writing Workshops - 15 credits
- Craft and Theory Courses - 9 credits (at least three and no more than six in the student’s primary genre of concentration)
- Literature Courses - 6 credits
- Internship - 3 credits
- Thesis - 6 credits
- Electives - 9 credits, up to six of which may be from advisor-approved courses not solely restricted to graduate students

A total of 48 credit hours is required for the MFA in Creative Writing.

Up to nine credits from previously uncompleted graduate degrees may be accepted for transfer credit in the NEOMFA program.