

Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific degree, which includes MnTC required credits.

Students need to consult the department chair to initiate an AFA degree program.

Other Graduation Requirements:

- Complete the specific major requirements.
- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 20 College level credits at Normandale.

Creative Writing (AFA)

The Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree in Creative Writing is designed for the student who has selected Creative Writing as a career option and intends to transfer to a fine arts baccalaureate program (BA or BFA) in Creative Writing at a four-year institution. The AFA degree combines creative writing coursework in several genres with the study of literature. Students who complete this course of study and meet the admission requirements to their selected institution may be eligible to apply for admission with junior standing.

The AFA is designed to provide the student with a body of work through workshop courses and a Capstone Project that will assist the student in being accepted into a competitive creative writing program. The student will also work to build his or her resume and portfolio before moving into the professional arena.

The AFA is a combination of liberal arts general education courses and creative writing courses. General education requirements fulfill the creative writing student's need to develop conceptual and communication skills necessary for successful

transfer and completion of a baccalaureate arts degree or a successful professional career.

The degree is earned by completing 60 credits, 40 credits of which are to include the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and 24 credits of English course requirements. To complete the AFA degree program in Creative Writing in two years, it is recommended that the student take 16 credits per semester each of four semesters (Fall and Spring). Some courses are offered during the summer and may be taken during summer session to reduce the course load during the academic year.

Students in the AFA degree program are assigned a faculty mentor and will have required meetings with their mentor throughout the academic year. Students should consult their intended institution for any additional admissions or general education requirements.

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Required writing courses: (12 cr)

Complete 12 credits from the following:

ENGW 1111	Creative Writing (3)
ENGW 2112	Poetry Writing (3)
ENGW 2113	Fiction Writing (3)
ENGW 2114	Play and Screenwriting (3)
ENGW 2115	Memoir/Nonfiction Writing (3)
ENGW 2900	Topics in Creative Writing (1-4)

Required literature courses: (11 cr)

ENGL 1130	Literature of Diversity (3)
ENGL 2151	American Literature 2 (4)

One additional ENGL course at the 2000 level.

Capstone Portfolio Project (1+ cr)

Students will complete an Independent Study project with their mentor their final semester, focusing on preparing a representative portfolio of work completed during their AFA program.

