

English BA (Creative Writing Focus)

This course requires 120 degree credits

PROGRAM KEY POINTS

- Prepares students interested in creative and professional careers in writing, including opportunities as poets, novelists, essayists, translators, editors, and educators.
- Offers a diverse curriculum that hones writing skills and critical thinking through workshops, craft classes, and literary analysis, providing a versatile foundation for success in the literary field.

FOUR-YEAR CAREER MAP ADVISORY

- Accompanying the Career Milestones, please use the Academic Degree Program Maps link that offers suggested four-year course combinations and prerequisites based on the undergraduate annual catalog year you started at QC.
- All underlined content in this document acts as a hyperlink to important resources for your guidance. Access these links using the command (*ctrl + click*) or if you are using the printed version, please scan the QR codes.
- Review your academic program maps to align it with your career milestone map.
- For more information on the School of Arts, please visit our website at qc.cuny.edu/soa or email us at qcsoa@qc.cuny.edu



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Freshman

FALL

Career Milestones	Done
Access Handshake QC for career opportunities (events, internships, jobs, resources, etc.)*	
Create a Draft Resume (both creative writing and non-creative writing)	
Review Courses for the Major	
Create a LinkedIn Learning account through Queens College CAMS account	
Attend the Career Center's Meet and Greet Orientation*	
Join a Student Club on campus	

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Career Milestones	Done
Create a LinkedIn Account	
Explore career options for English majors with interest in Creative Writing	
Attend a professional development workshop or masterclass	
Research internship and scholarship opportunities	
Attend Career Center's workshops	
Engage in student-led or degree program opportunities	

Sophomore

FALL

Career Milestones	Done
Update your Handshake QC profile and interests *	
Develop a network of contact through LinkedIn*	
Refine creative writing and non-creative writing resumes and seek mentorship	
Attend a Professional Development Workshop or Masterclass*	
Research or begin first internship	
Engage in student-led clubs, degree program, or local opportunities	

SPRING

Career Milestones	Done
Attend networking events, meetings, conferences, workshops, and industry engagements*	
Continue first internship	
Identify a mentor and check-in periodically *	
Engage in student-led clubs, degree program, or local opportunities	
Delve deeper into your artistic craft*	
Begin gathering materials and writing samples for portfolio	



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Junior

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Career Milestones	Done
Update creative writing and non-creative writing resumes to apply for second internship	
Utilize LinkedIn to build your professional network; start marketing yourself and building relationships on LinkedIn.	
Expand professional skills and career exploration (workshops, career fairs, conferences, etc.)*	
Engage in student-led, degree program, or local opportunities and gather materials for portfolio and professional website.	
Explore other professional skills for arts career (education, marketing, financial literacy, etc.)*	

SPRING

Career Milestones	Done
Explore self-directed learning and additional professional skills in career (job searching, sell your art, teaching, arts administration, marketing, financial literacy, etc.)	
Work in second internship	
Engage in student-led, degree program, or local opportunities and gather materials for portfolio and professional website	
Take on leadership roles in student clubs or professional organizations	
Begin planning professional steps outside of graduation, including package, graduate school, fellowships, etc.	

Senior

FALL

Career Milestones	Done
Finalize creative writing and non-creative writing resumes for professional applications	
<u>Schedule an appointment with career advisor</u>	
<u>Apply for more jobs. Record your progress</u>	
Finalize professional arts package, marketing materials, and website	
Engage in a literary reading series, publication, creative writing workshop showcase	
Begin taking professional steps outside of graduation, including local opportunities, graduate school, fellowships, teaching, etc.	

SPRING

Career Milestones	Done
Continue work in second/third internship and apply to professional opportunities post-graduation	
Engage in a literary reading series, publication, creative writing workshop showcase	
Enhance and explore skills for professional development in an arts career	
Promote website, marketing materials, and professional package	
<u>Connect with alumni office and join QC alumni</u>	
If applicable, finish applying to graduate school	



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