



**HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM PLAN**  
**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA)**  
**CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H# \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CATALOG YEAR: **2023/2024**

**Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 125 credit hours along with the following requirements:**

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper / advanced level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 125 credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements (certain majors may have their own prescribed Liberal Arts Core Requirements--please see your advisor in your major.)
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 advanced credit hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper level hours of RESIDENCY at HCU included in the MINOR w/grade of C or higher in all courses.

**Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:**

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another college (once an undergraduate student has enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 semester hours total will be accepted for transfer credit.)
- institution once a student has accumulated 64 semester hours of post-secondary credits.)
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 64 credit hours have been completed.
- File a graduation application at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

**LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS:**

\*\*\* Indicates course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	Hours	COURSES	Hours
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking or higher or *PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reading	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	3
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HISTORY: Choose 1 from HIST 2312, HIST 2313 or HIST 2323	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Films, and Games	3
Natural Science & Lab	4	COMM 1323 Rhetoric and Public Speaking or CLAS 1343 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3		
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition	3	TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE	43

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 hours or more of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, *Introduction to the Bible and Theology*, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher.**

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HOURS
NARR 1000	Narrative Arts Forum (must enroll every semester)	0
NARR 2200	Art of Storytelling	2
WRIT 2100	Storytelling in Creative Writing	1
NARR 2310	Media & Careers Survey	3
NARR 2312	Collaboration & Communication	3
NARR 3310	Portfolio, Pitching, and Networking	3
	<b>3 hours of Faith &amp; Culture Coursework:</b> NARR 3120, 3220, 3330 Faith, Culture & the Arts	3
	<b>Total Narrative Arts Core</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>BFA in Creative Writing Major Requirements</b>	
WRIT 3331	Creative Writing: Poetry	3
WRIT 3341	Creative Writing: Fiction	3
WRIT 3351	Creative Writing: Non-Fiction	3
WRIT 3371	Professional & Technical Writing	3
WRIT 3383	Advanced Grammar and Writing	3
	<b>12 hours of Advanced Writing Courses chosen from:</b> WRIT 4331 Advanced Poetry Writing WRIT 4341 Advanced Fiction Writing WRIT 4351 Advanced Non-Fiction Writing WRIT 4160, WRIT 4260, WRIT 4360 Advanced Practicum WRIT 3180, WRIT 3280, WRIT 3380 Special Topics	12
	<b>6 hours of Upper-Level English Courses:</b> Any 3000/4000 level ENGL courses	6
	<b>6 hours of Language Arts and Humanities Enrichment Courses:</b> Any ENGL, HIST, LING, GREK, HEBR, LATN, or SPAN courses	6
WRIT 4194	Junior Portfolio	1
	<b>2 hours of Internship:</b> WRIT 4195, WRIT 4295, WRIT 4395 Internship	2
WRIT 4199	Senior Portfolio	1
	<b>Total Hours in Major</b>	<b>58</b>
	<b>NARRATIVE ARTS ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENTS:</b> 6 hours of Fine Arts Electives: Any NARR, CINE, DIGI, WRIT, ART, or MUSI courses Narrative Arts students must take six (6) hours of Fine Arts courses in addition to the major requirements. This requirement may be fulfilled with electives or courses taken as part of another Fine Arts degree program or minor.	24
	<b>Elective Hours Required</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE</b>	<b>125</b>

**OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any departmental Exit Exams.

Community Life & Worship (CLW): 80 credits by graduation (Worship Events - at least 50 CLW credits & Community Life Events - no more than 30 CLW credits)  
 A max of 60 CLW credits can be earned through CLEP, dual credits & transfer credit that is accepted through the HCU Office of Academic Records.

Freshman Year Seminar, FYS 1300, is required for all students entering with less than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour credit. 100% online students will take a three-hour course, **ONLN 1300** Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

APPROVED BY:

ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DEAN OF COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS PROCESSED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_