



**HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA) IN CREATIVE WRITING
CATALOG YEAR: 2024-2025**

NAME: _____ HH#: _____ DATE: _____

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-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
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level 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 with a 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 institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: *Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

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

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to 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 #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
NARRATIVE ARTS CORE COURSES		
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
	3 credit hours of Faith, Culture, & the Arts Coursework: NARR 3120, NARR 3220, NARR 3320	3
	TOTAL NARRATIVE ARTS CORE	15
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 & Writing	3
	12 credit hours of Advanced Writing courses chosen from: 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
	6 credit hours of upper-level English courses (ENGL 3000 or higher)	6
	6 credit hours of Language Arts & Humanities Enrichment courses chosen from: Any ENGL, HIST, LING, GREK, HEBR, LATN, or SPAN courses	6
WRIT 4194	Junior Portfolio	1
	2 credit hours of Internship WRIT 4195, WRIT 4295, WRIT 4395 Internship	2
WRIT 4199	Senior Portfolio	1
	TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR	58
	ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED	24
	<i>Narrative Arts Enrichment Courses (required): Narrative Arts students must take six (6) credit hours of Fine Arts enrichment courses in addition to the major requirements (any NARR, CINE, DIGI, WRIT, ART, or MUSI courses). The requirement may be fulfilled with electives or courses taken as part of another Fine Arts degree program or minor.</i>	
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	125

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) points: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 points must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 points may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR _____ DATE _____

DEAN OF COLLEGE _____ DATE _____

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