

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Creative Writing

2026-2027 Official Degree Plan



Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) Requirements

HCU's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum guides students to more fully know and make known:

- **God**, the Creator and Redeemer, as he has revealed Himself in his Son, by the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures and His World. *Core outcomes:* Biblical literacy¹, Christian wisdom², and theological proficiency³.
- **God's Creation** by examining and engaging with the design, intricacy, and coherence of his world. *Core outcomes:* Scientific⁴, quantitative⁵, and aesthetic literacy⁶.
- **Humans as God's Image Bearers** by investigating and celebrating human dignity, interdependence, and flourishing through their status as created, purposeful beings. *Core outcomes:* Investigation and celebration of human dignity⁷, interdependence⁸, and flourishing⁹ through the cultivation of charity, humility, and verbal literacy.

For more information about the mission and philosophy of our Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, please visit the [Core Curriculum website](#).

COURSES	OUTCOMES	HOURS
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible*	1 2 3 7 8 9	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition*	1 2 3 7 9	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
Natural Science with Lab	2 4 5 6	4
MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking* (or higher) or PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reasoning* (choose one)	2 4 5 6	3
NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games	2 6 8 9	3
ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I*	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II*	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 2315 Great Works of Literature I or ENGL 2325 Great Works of Literature II (choose one)	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	2 7 8 9	3
COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking or CLAS 1343 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People (choose one)	2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II, or HIST 2313 US History to 1877, or HIST 2323 US History from 1877 (choose one)	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	1 2 3 4 7 8 9	3
Total LACC Hours		43

* Course must be completed with "C" or higher

* Students transferring to HCU with 45 or more hours of transferrable college credit will take only CHRI 3300 Introduction to Bible and Theology 1 2 3 7 9 to meet their LACC Christianity requirements. This lowers the LACC requirement to 40 credit hours, but the student must still complete the total required hours for the degree.

Major Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	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 and Careers Survey	3
NARR 2312 Collaboration and Communication	3
NARR 3310 Portfolio, Pitching, and Networking	3
Three credit hours of Faith and Culture 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 and Technical Writing	3
WRIT 3383 Advanced Grammar and Writing	3
Twelve 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
Six credit hours of upper-level English courses (ENGL 3000 or higher)	6
Six credit hours of Language Arts and Humanities Enrichment courses chosen from: any ENGL, HIST, LING, GREK, HEBR, LATN, or SPAN courses	6
WRIT 4194 Junior Portfolio	1
Two credit hours of Internship chosen from: WRIT 4195, WRIT 4295, WRIT 4395	2
WRIT 4199 Senior Portfolio	1
Total Major Hours	58
Elective Hours Required	24
Narrative Arts Enrichment Courses (required): Narrative Arts students must take six 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.	
Total Hours in Degree	125

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Additional Graduation Requirements

1. At least 125 total credit hours, including 30 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
2. Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events). CLW events offered each semester are listed on the [Spiritual Life CLW website](#).
3. FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) credit hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation (e.g., dual credit) does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning in place of FYS 1300.
4. At least 30 credit hours or 25 percent of the total credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (whichever is greater) must be earned at HCU, including at least 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
5. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major or as noted on the degree plan.
6. Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 credit hours may be transferred from another institution. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.

Filing a Degree Plan

All undergraduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the time they complete 64 credit hours. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. If seeking a double degree, double major, minor, or certificate, an official degree plan must be filed for each program of study. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through HuskyNet at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

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 Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

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