Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the Bachelor of Art degree in Writing includes a liberal arts core curriculum, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

**Employment Opportunities:**
Arranger
Creative Director
Associate Media Director
Critic
Patient Relations Specialist
Author
Crossword Puzzle Maker
Playwright
Biographer
Editor
Poet
Book Reviewer
Editorial Writer
Program Proposals Coordinator
Columnist
Fact Checker
Journalist
Proofreader
Commentator
Fundraiser
Public Relations
Humorist
Publications Specialist
Copy Editor
Lobbyist
Publicity Director
Copywriter
Sales Service Promoter
Medical Writer
Researcher
Science Writer
Spokesperson
Teacher
Screen Printing Inspector
Staff Writer
Technical Writer
Screenwriter
Screenwriter Novelist
Story Editor
Free Lance Writer
Speech Writer Supervisor

The writing program is designed to give students background for writing in a variety of genres and forms and to help them develop a critical and sensitive use of language for professional and creative application. Students complete a core group of courses before choosing either a creative or a professional concentration. The major includes literature courses that acquaint students with the tradition of writing in English, which serves as a model for their own writing.

Writing majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction and journalism, literary editing and magazine production, and literature. Students have the opportunity to work on Pitt-Bradford’s award-winning student newspaper, The Source, and its literary magazine, Baily’s Beads, which has twice been named one of the top 12 student magazines in the United States by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

**Required Skills:**
- Creativity
- Research
- Investigative & Interviewing
- Storytelling
- Self-Discipline
- Organization
- Editing
- Communication (Written & Oral)

**Possible Employers:**
- Advertising Agencies
- Newspapers
- Publishers
- Magazines
- Corporate Communications
- Educational Institutions
- Public Relations Firms
- Law Firm

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
American Society of Journalists & Authors
Academy of American Poets
Association of Young Journalists & Writers
Authors Guild
National Writers Association

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WritingCareers.com
SunOasis Jobs
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Career Services

[www.asja.org](http://www.asja.org)
[www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org)
[www.ayjw.org](http://www.ayjw.org)
[www.authorsguild.org](http://www.authorsguild.org)
[www.nationalwriters.com](http://www.nationalwriters.com)

[www.writingcareer.com](http://www.writingcareer.com)
[www.sunoasis.com](http://www.sunoasis.com)
[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos320.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos320.htm)
[www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)
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Advisor: [Blank]

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES
(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)
☐ FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

Writing
☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ ENG 0102 English Composition II

Mathematics
☐ MATH 0098 College Algebra or Higher

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
☐ Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be Literature;
ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)
☐ Literature (see major)
☐ Art (see major)
☐ Foreign Language (see major)

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES
(Two different categories must be represented))

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY
(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)
☐ HIST

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES
(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)
☐ Physical Science
☐ Life Science
☐ Physical, Life or Computational Science
☐ Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
☐ PEDC

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES
☐ WRITNG 0111 Literary Editing
☐ THEA, MUSIC or Visual Arts elective
☐ WRITNG 1451 Capstone: Writing
☐ Foreign Language through and including intermediate level

REQUIRED ELECTIVES Take four courses from the following:
☐ COMM 0106 News Writing
☐ COMM 0108 Newspaper Staff (The Source)
☐ WRITNG 0106 Introduction to Fiction Writing
☐ WRITNG 0107 Beginning Poetry Writing
☐ WRITNG 0108 Intro to Creative Non-Fiction
☐ WRITNG 0220 Feature Writing

REQUIREMENTS IN LITERATURE:
Take ONE course from each group, including at least one UP Level Course. See the Academic Catalog for options.

Survey Courses
☐

20th-Century Courses
☐

Genre Courses
☐

Select ONE of the following tracks:

CREATIVE WRITING TRACK REQUIREMENTS
☐ THEA 1303 Playwriting: The Structure of Action
Three of the following courses, two at the 1300 level or above:
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☐ WRITNG 0211 Literary Editing and Magazine Production 2
☐ WRITNG 1304 Advanced Poetry Writing
☐ WRITNG 1310 Advanced Feature Writing
☐ WRITNG 1311 Literary Editing and Magazine Production 3
☐ WRITNG 1402 Writing from the Self
☐ WRITNG 0250 or 1450 Topics in Writing
☐ SPAN 1316 Translation Seminar

PROFESSIONAL WRITING TRACK REQUIREMENTS
☐ COMM 0108 Newspaper Staff (The Source)
Three of the following courses, two at the 1300 level or above:
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☐ IA 0101 Arts Awareness
☐ WRITNG 0211 Literary Editing and Magazine Production 2
☐ COMM 0107 News Editing
☐ PR 1304 Promotional Writing
☐ WRITNG 1305 Technical Writing
☐ WRITNG 1306 Business Writing for the 21st Century
☐ WRITNG 1308 Marketing Writing
☐ WRITNG 1311 Literary Editing and Magazine Production 3
☐ WRITNG 1450 Topics in Writing

MINOR: Writing Majors are required to complete a MINOR in a related area of study approved by their advisor

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU
upon successful completion of the current term:
You will have EARNED _________ credit hours
You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.
You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work
You NEED _________ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.