

What Can I Do With a Major in...

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 and that serve as models for their own writing.

Writing majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in Fiction, Poetry, Creative Nonfiction, 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 a literary magazine *Baily's Beads*, which has twice been named one of the top twelve 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 Firms

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Arranger
Associate Media Director
Author
Biographer
Book Reviewer
Columnist
Commentator
Copy Editor
Copywriter
Creative Director
Critic
Crossword Puzzle Maker
Editor
Editorial Writer

Fact Checker
Free Lance Writer
Fundraiser
Humorist
Journalist
Lobbyist
Medical Writer
Patient Relations Specialist
Playwright
Poet
Program Proposals Coordinator
Proofreader
Public Relations
Publications Specialist

Publicity Director
Researcher
Sales Service Promoter
Science Writer
Screen Printing Inspector
Screenwriter
Songwriter Novelist
Speech Writer Supervisor
Spokesperson
Staff Writer
Story Editor
Teacher
Technical Writer

**Some occupations will require additional training, certification and/or education*

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WRITING

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Writing Major Curriculum

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Division: Communication & the Arts

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The Writing major consists of a 120-credit curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the Writing major includes a liberal arts general education, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR

WRITNG 0111 Literary Editing and Magazine Production
One Arts and Letters GE course in Theatre, Music, or Visual Art
WRITNG 1451 Capstone: Writing
Foreign language proficiency through and including the intermediate level (or the equivalent)

LITERATURE REQUIREMENTS Take four courses from the following list:

COMM 0106 News Writing
WRITNG 0106 Introduction to Fiction Writing
WRITNG 0107 Beginning Poetry Writing
COMM 0108 Newspaper Staff (The Source)
WRITNG 0108 Introduction to Creative Nonfiction
WRITNG 0220 Feature Writing

REQUIREMENTS IN LITERATURE One course from each of the following groupings, including at least one course at the 1300 level or above.

Survey Courses

ENG 0105, ENG 0201, ENG 0202, ENG 0203, ENG 0204, ENG 0205,
ENG 0214, ENG 0218, EDUC 0255 ENG 1306, ENG 1307 ENG 1315,
CLP 0208, CLP 0216, CLP 0220, CLP 1310, CLP 1320

20th-Century Courses

ENG 1305, ENG 1306, ENG 1308, ENG 1310, ENG 1410, ENG 1450,
CLP 0204, CLP 0206, CLP 0216, CLP 1301, CLP 1310, CLP 1320, EDUC 0275

Genre Courses

ENG 0103, ENG 0106, ENG 0207, ENG 1301, ENG 1309
CLP 0207, CLP 0216, THEA 0203, THEA 1310

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES

Creative Writing Track Requirements

WRITNG 0211 Literary Editing and Magazine Production 2

Three of the following courses, two at the 1300 level or above:
THEA 1303, WRITNG 1302, WRITNG 1304, WRITNG 1310,
WRITNG 1311, WRITNG 1402, WRITNG 0250 or WRITNG 1450
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:
IA 0101, WRITNG 0211, COMM 0107, PR 1304, WRITNG 1305,
WRITNG 1306, WRITNG 1310, WRITNG 1311, WRITNG 1450

REQUIRED MINOR

Students majoring in writing are required to complete a minor in a related area of study approved by their advisors

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Journalists & Authors

www.asja.org

Academy of American Poets

www.poets.org

Association of Young Journalists & Writers

www.ayjw.org

Authors Guild

www.authorsguild.org

National Writers Association

www.nationalwriters.com

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN WRITING AT:

WritingCareers.com

www.writingcareer.com

SunOasis Jobs

www.sunoasis.com

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos320.htm

Career Services

www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx