

Creative Writing Certificate

Planned course offerings by quarter for this certificate are listed below. Please refer to the certificate page to verify available sections and to enroll. Once enrolled in a certificate, visit myextension.ucsd.edu to track your progress and view your required and elective courses. All courses applied to the certificate must be completed within five years of certificate enrollment.

Required Courses Students must complete all 5 courses listed below. Classes can be taken in any order.									
TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER				
Grammar Lab WCWP-40234	3.0	Online	Online	Online	Online				
The Art and Craft of Creative Writing WCWP-40107	3.0		Online		Online				
Developing Unforgettable Characters WCWP-40245	2.0		Online		Online				
Finding Our Voices, Telling Our Stories WCWP-40142	3.0	Online	Online	Online	Online				
Writers' Workshop: Read and Critique WCWP-40252	3.0		Online						
Literature Students must choose minimum 2 units of Literature from any of the classes below									
TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER				
Women and Madness LIT-40069	2.0	Live Online							
Gender Identity and Literature: Him, Her, Us LIT-40071	2.0		Live Online						
Ernest Hemingway: Titan of American Literature LIT-40064	2.0			Live Online					
American Literature: Stories of Immigration LIT-40022	2.0	Online							
Glittering Wit: Three Works by Oscar Wilde LIT-40099	2.0				Live Online				
History of Children's Literature LIT-40093	3.0	Online	Online	Online	Online				
Electives Students must choose 12 units of electives from any of the classes below									
Fiction									
TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER				
Writing Speculative Fiction: Exploring Fantasy, Fear, and the Future WCWP-40344	3.0		Online						
Creative Non-Fiction	ı								
TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER				
Memoir Writing WCWP-40200	3.0			Online					
Self-Editing and Publishing for the Web WCWP-40313	3.0	Online		Online					
News and Feature Writing WCWP-40276	3.0	Online	Online	Online	Online				
The Writer's Art of Interviewing WCWP-40123	2.0	Online		Online					
Children's Writing									

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TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Writing Children's Picture Books WCWP-40261	3.0	Online		Online	
Writing for Children I: Introduction WCWP-40186	3.0	Online	Online	Online	
Writing for Children II: Intermediate WCWP-40315	3.0		Online		Online
Writing for the Middle Grade/YA Reader WCWP-40274	3.0		Online		Online
Writing Non-Fiction and Informational Books for Children WCWP-40327	3.0				Online
General Electives					
TITLE & COURSE NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Forms of Poetry WCWP-40308	2.0		Online		
Nature Writing: The True Muse WCWP-40342	2.0			Online	
The Business of Writing					
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Certificate Requirements

You are expected to complete the minimum certificate requirements, i.e., all approved required courses and the minimum number of required elective units, in effect at the time of registration regardless of any requirement changes at a later date. Prerequisite courses are not considered part of the minimum credit unit requirements of a certificate. All certificate courses must be enrolled in for credit (with a letter grade or pass/no pass grading option) and, unless the certificate program states otherwise, with a passing grade of at least a C- or better to earn the certificate.

While all courses must be successfully completed with a passing grade, the Extension academic department responsible for the certificate has the discretion to elevate the minimum grade you must earn and/or specify that courses (elective and/ or required) be taken for a letter grade. A third party, e.g., employer, Workforce Partnership, credentialing authority, also has the right to increase the minimum certificate requirements by increasing the minimum acceptable grade and time to complete the certificate program. In those cases, the minimum certificate requirements, as specified by the third party, supersede the above.

Transfer Credits

In order to receive a certificate at UC San Diego Extension, you must fulfill all minimum unit requirements of a certificate with transcripted, credit-bearing coursework from an accredited institution. The number of units that can be transferred, however, varies depending on where the academic credit was received. Non-transcripted continuing education courses or courses from a non-accredited institution are not accepted for transfer.

Units of courses completed at educational institutions operating on the semester system should be converted to a value consistent with the quarter system, i.e., one semester unit is equivalent to two-thirds of a quarter unit. The number of units of the course completed outside of Extension must be at least equal to the unit value of the certificate course you are petitioning to transfer. Similarly, the number of units that can be transferred is determined by the number of units associated with the Extension certificate course and not the unit value granted elsewhere.

If you have successfully completed comparable courses at another accredited college or university within five years certificate coursework began at UC San Diego Extension, and you earned at least a "C-" in each, you may petition to transfer up to a third of the certificate program units, not to exceed two courses for professional certificates and one course for specialized certificates. If you have successfully completed courses at uC campu"s within five years certificate coursework began at UC San Diego Extension, you may petition to transfer up to half of the units required for a certificate program. To request transfer credit, please submit a written petition, including an official transcript and course descriptions (with syllabus) to the academic department listed in the certificate description for consideration.

Course Substitutions

Only approved courses count toward your certificate program. Due to the post-baccalaureate level of Extension coursework and the intent of many certificate program students to further specialize and develop their current careers, you may have acquired industry knowledge outside of the classroom. If you can demonstrate mastery of the knowledge imparted in a required certificate course through personal or professional experiences, you may petition to substitute a course. In that case, you may have the option to take another Extension course as determined by the academic department in lieu of the required course. You may waive the course requirement but not the unit requirement. Because of the curricular importance of required certificate coursework, you can only petition to substitute up to half the total required course units. To request a substitution, please submit a written petition, including evidence of your knowledge, to the academic department listed in the certificate description for consideration.

Certificate Completion

Once all certificate requirements have been successfully completed, please request a certificate audit through the student portal, My Extension, at https://myextension.ucsd.edu. Once you have logged in to My Extension, go to the My Courses" tab and click on the program under "My Certificate Programs". From there, click on "Request Certificate Audit" and complete the form.

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