

## **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing**

### *Mission Statement*

The Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing is a process-oriented program in the fields of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction intended for independent adults who wish to develop and pursue careers as writers. The program offers a substantial range of on- and off-campus experiences, including the mentorship of nationally known writers and editors. The emphasis is on the creative process in all its phases. The MFA program also features a distinguishing “outside experience” intended to foster an independent writing career and to introduce participants to broader aspects of the writing life.

### **I- Goals**

λ to honor the literary tradition

λ to encourage writing and critical thinking as a way of life

λ to develop creative understanding of a chosen genre

λ to make writers aware of ways they can serve their communities through their art

### **II- Learning Outcomes**

#### *Affective*

λ an interactive appreciation of the literary tradition

λ an awareness of diverse possibilities and aesthetics

λ a commitment to the writer’s place in his/her community

λ a dedication to sustaining a productive life as a writer

#### *Cognitive*

λ understanding of the literary genre(s) within which the writer chooses to work

λ understanding of diverse aesthetic possibilities and values

λ practical understanding of literary techniques and writing strategies

λ critical understanding from a writerly perspective of works by other writers

#### *Behavioral*

λ ability to develop and express a personal aesthetic

λ ability to produce, revise, and submit for publication original creative works

λ ability to produce sustained critical readings of a work or works by other writers

λ contribution to and engagement in local/regional/ or national community as a writer