Creative Writing at Georgia State University

The Georgia State University Department of English’s Creative Writing concentration combines artistic exploration, foundational work in literary studies, and a focused creative capstone experience. Our Creative Writing workshops and seminars are small, ensuring students receive individual attention from our award-winning faculty of novelists, essayists, poets, and editors. We offer courses in fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and literary publishing. The core of the concentration is the four-class sequence in Creative Writing that allows writers the unique opportunity to focus on their art over several semesters, and to compose a capstone project in poetry or fiction.

Creative Writing Program students serve as editors of the literary journals Underground and New South, and our literary publishing seminars are taught by the editors of Five Points, the internationally acclaimed literary magazine based at GSU. These opportunities provide hands-on experience for students interested in careers in publishing.

Our undergraduate alumni have gone on to work as writers and editors for newspapers and magazines including Creative Loafing and Atlanta Magazine, to publish their writing in the Paris Review, Vice, and Oxford American, and to pursue graduate study in Creative Writing at Cornell University, the Michener Center at the University of Texas-Austin, the University of Florida, City University of New York-Queens, Columbia University, California College of Arts, Sarah Lawrence College, California State University at Fresno, the University of Oregon, Indiana University, Brown University, and other top schools. Others have completed graduate degrees in law, library science, literature, religious studies, and education.

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