

FAQS Frequently Asked Questions – Undergraduate Creative Writing

Can I submit a portfolio of more than 15-pages?

No. The creative writing program receives over two hundred portfolios each year and so the page limit is necessary.

Does the letter of intent count as part of the 15-page portfolio?

No, but the letter of intent/portfolio must be must be uploaded **together as ONE** document. Be sure to read your documents carefully before submission as **NO** subsequent uploads will be considered.

Can I submit an excerpt from a screenplay or a story in my portfolio?

Yes. Please ensure the excerpt is long enough for us to evaluate the writing properly. A paragraph or two is not sufficient.

What makes a good portfolio? Any tips on a good/acceptable portfolio?

A good portfolio is one that represents the best writing of which you are capable. The best tip is to follow the instructions on the Dept. website, and to proofread.

What are you looking for in the letter of intent?

Be as concise as possible. Concentrate on a literary work that has influenced you, and on the reasons why you wish to enter our program.

How many students get accepted to the program each year?

We accept approximately 30% of the applications we receive.

What does creative writing teach?

How to read analytically, think cogently and write elegantly.

What kind of jobs/careers are there in creative writing?

All good writing is creative. Therefore, any job/career that demands writing skills may be open to you.

Can I upload my portfolio/letter of intent?

Yes, to your Student Centre. If you are a Visiting, Exchange, or Independent Student, please follow the instructions on the Dept. website.

How do I know if I am accepted?

If you have applied on a university application, you will hear from Admissions. If not, you will be contacted by the Creative Writing program.

Will you accept the portfolio/letter of intent after the deadline?

On occasion, depending on the circumstances. However, if they arrive significantly past the deadline, your application will be considered for the next admissions period.

If my portfolio is denied, can I meet with someone to get feedback for my next application?

No. Due to the high volume of applications received, it is not possible to give feedback on every submission.