

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. What is Creative Writing?

The academic study of Creative Writing explores the techniques and practices of various literary genres. Students will develop the tools to read and write with precision and rigor, and be encouraged to exercise their imagination and develop their own literary voice.

### 2. What courses and degrees does the department offer?

Most courses are structured as writing workshops that prioritize small class sizes, writing practice, creative analysis, and focused critique from your instructor and your peers, so the creative writing graduate is already familiar with leadership, group dynamics, critical analysis and diplomacy. Students can focus on fiction and/or poetry, and expand their creative reach by taking courses in creative non-fiction, songwriting, playwriting, the personal essay, spoken word and literary performance, and publishing and editing. Instructors are award-winning published writers and experienced educators who offer personal insight into the writing process.

### 3. What degrees are offered?

Creative Writing at Dalhousie is designed to be taken with a complementary major (e.g. Biology, Computer Science, Theatre, etc.) or as a minor. Dalhousie and King's undergraduate students from any Faculty are able to combine Creative Writing with another subject to earn a Double Major, a Combined Honours, or a Minor in creative writing.

### 4. What kinds of jobs do people with a degree in Creative Writing have?

Our students are **writers, artists, entrepreneurs, entertainers,** and **administrators** who have gone on to win major graduate scholarships and find employment in **publishing, marketing, education, entertainment, software development,** and **government.** Creative Writing graduates have excellent skills in oral and written communication as well as lateral thinking. Having Creative Writing as part of your degree is an excellent way of showing your range of ability, and an opportunity to develop your writing skills towards the creation and publication of new work.

### 5. Where to start?

Courses such as Reading and Writing Stories, The Creative Process, and Introduction to Creative Writing will give you a firm foundation in the discipline and allow you to take upper-level Creative Writing workshops.

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