

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS
Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan
Department of English - Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing
 College of Liberal Arts
 November 18, 2018

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose	Intended Objectives/Outcomes	Assessment Criteria and Procedures	Implementation (what, when, who)
MISSION STATEMENT: The MFA in Creative Writing program is a rigorous three-year residence combining an intensive focus on the writing of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and dramatic writing with an in-depth study of literature. GOAL STATEMENT: 1. To allow students to work closely with individual faculty mentors as they progress toward completion of a thesis for eventual publication. 2. To better understand the writing craft through a comprehensive reading list. 3. To provide students with opportunities to present creative work publicly through publication and presentations.	Students should be able to produce written work in their chosen discipline of a quality that is comparable to the material being published in contemporary literary magazines and journals.	Review of theses.	Every other September, a committee of four faculty members will review assessment materials and write a summary report. Results will be discussed by the full department, and changes to the program will be implemented as needed.
	Students should demonstrate ability to write clearly and engagingly about literature and produce sustained and coherent critical writing at an appropriate level of sophistication.	Review of theses and comprehensive exams.	Assessment committee will review theses and comprehensive exams.
	Students should complete their course of study in a timely manner.	Completion of coursework and theses within a period of 3-5 years (for each full time student).	Assessment committee will review the Advancement to Candidacy forms for time to degree.
	Students who plan to work or further study in the field of Creative Writing should be adequately prepared for the next step in their professional lives.	Exit survey results and five-year alumni survey results.	Exit surveys of program graduates and five-year surveys of program alumni will be distributed and collected by department staff and reviewed by the assessment committee.
	Students should consider their graduate program at UAF to be of high quality.	Exit survey results and five-year alumni survey results.	Exit surveys of program graduates and five-year surveys of program alumni will be distributed and collected by department staff and reviewed by the assessment committee.

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<p>4. To provide teaching and tutoring experience for students with graduate assistantships.</p> <p>5. To provide editing and promotional experience for select students through internships, helping to promote literary events, and serving as editors on a nationally recognized literary journal.</p>			
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