

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS
Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan
Department of English - Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing
 College of Liberal Arts
 August 19, 2020

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose	Intended Objectives/Outcomes	Assessment Criteria and Procedures	Implementation (what, when, who)
<p>MISSION STATEMENT:</p> <p>The MFA in Creative Writing program is a rigorous three-year residential program combining an intensive focus on the writing of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and dramatic writing with an in-depth study of literature.</p> <p>GOAL STATEMENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow students to work closely with individual faculty mentors as they progress toward completion of a publishable-quality thesis. 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. 	<p>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.</p>	<p>Review of theses.</p>	<p>Every third 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.</p>
	<p>Students should demonstrate an ability to write clearly and engagingly, and produce sustained coherent critical writing at an appropriate level of sophistication for graduate study.</p>	<p>Review of theses.</p>	<p>Assessment committee will review theses.</p>
	<p>Students should complete their course of study in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Completion of coursework and theses within a period of 3-5 years (for each full time student).</p>	<p>Assessment committee will review the Advancement to Candidacy forms for time to degree.</p>
	<p>Students who plan to go on to a career in writing or publishing, or pursue further study in creative writing or a related field, should be adequately prepared for the next step in their professional lives. This preparation should include an ability to recognize their own work's strengths and weaknesses, a sense of the literary marketplace, and a plan for seeking publication.</p>	<p>Exit survey results and post-graduation alumni survey results.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Students should consider their graduate program at UAF to be of high quality.</p>	<p>Exit survey results and post-graduation alumni survey results.</p>	<p>Exit surveys of graduates plus post-graduation surveys of alumni will be distributed and collected by department staff and reviewed by the assessment committee.</p>

<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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