English
Degree Designation: BA
Concentration: Creative Writing

Mission Statement
The Department of English at the University of South Florida is a community of teacher-scholars and writers whose mission is to promote learning in language, composition, literature, critical theory, pedagogy, and professional, technical, and creative writing. The Department at both the undergraduate and graduate levels promotes the development of life-long skills in language, critical thinking, reading, writing, and research; embraces intellectual and human diversity; and fosters comparative and interdisciplinary approaches.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content / Discipline Skills
- Demonstrate knowledge of the forms of poetry and fiction
- Demonstrate knowledge of the techniques used to create poetry and fiction
- Demonstrate knowledge of literary genres and the techniques used by authors within each genre
- Demonstrate knowledge of how to format and submit work for publication
- Demonstrate knowledge of a range of the primary works in British and American literature, the cultural context of these works, and interpretive strategies in the analysis of literature

Critical Thinking Skills
- Demonstrate the ability to constructively critique student manuscripts
- Demonstrate the ability to revise and proofread their own work for publication
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze literature in its cultural and philosophical context

Communication Skills
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively present their own work to an audience
- Demonstrate the ability to offer constructive feedback within a workshop setting
- Demonstrate the ability to write poetry and fiction that appeals to a specific audience
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze literature in both written and oral presentations

Assessment Strategies
- The Creative Writing faculty will measure students’ achievements of the identified core learning outcomes using examinations, critical papers, final portfolios, and a capstone experience such as a public reading. Some instructors may request that students submit work for publication to literary magazines.
- The Literature faculty will measure students’ achievements of the identified core learning outcomes by evaluating analytical and interpretive essays, by testing on the assigned materials, and by evaluating students’ participation in class discussions.