The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University offer jointly the MFA in Creative Writing. This degree provides students with opportunities to develop their skills in writing fiction, poetry, drama, and creative nonfiction. The MFA is the terminal degree. Through extensive practice in workshops and craft and theory courses, students will develop their creative writing abilities while also studying literature and completing a relevant internship.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must be accepted by the Graduate School at The University of Akron or one of the other three participating universities. Applicants must also submit three letters of recommendation, a goals statement, and a writing portfolio to the NEOMFA. The portfolio will be reviewed by an admissions committee of members from all four universities. Applications must be submitted by January 15. Full application details are here: https://neomfa.org/apply.

The deadline for all assistantships in the Department of English is February 1.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the following courses among the participating universities:

- Writing Workshops: 15 credits
- Craft and Theory Courses: 9 credits
- Literature Courses: 6 credits
- Internship: 3 credits
- Thesis: 6 credits
- Electives: 9 credits

A total of 48 credit hours is required for the MFA in Creative Writing.

Up to nine credits from previously uncompleted graduate degrees may be accepted for transfer credit in the NEOMFA program.

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