Completion of a Publishable Full-Length Manuscript

Students in the M.F.A. Creative Writing Program will demonstrate a mastery of poetics or storytelling craft through the creation of a full-length manuscript of poetry and fiction that is structurally sound, polished, and complete, and has a distinct voice/style.

Critical Close Reading

Students in the M.F.A. Creative Writing Program will be able to read and respond thoughtfully and critically in both oral and written form to other student’s work and literary texts.

Orientation to Literary Publishing

Students in the M.F.A. Creative Writing Program will develop an understanding of the history and practice of literary publishing, including the practice of submitting work to literary journals and/or to publishers.

Application of Craft & Form

Students in the M.F.A. Creative Writing Program will be able to apply a sophisticated and deliberate command of formal techniques (relevant to their genre) and language, including style, grammar, and mechanics, to their creative writing.