Annex II

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in English

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

The MFA in Creative Writing in English programme offers students flexibility of contemporary voice through the intense study of craft, including foundations and historical modes. A unique and customized combination of coursework, workshops, and individual advising in the programme provides each student with the foundations and advanced practices toward the Creative Thesis. By the end of two years, students will acquire lifelong practices and mastery and have an original Creative Thesis drafted and revised for potential publication. The programme consists of five compulsory 9-credit courses and a 15-credit Creative Thesis (capstone experience). A total of 180 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) with contact hours in a range of 24-50 hours is the norm of a 9-credit course. The programme has a total study load of 1,200 hours, of which 319 are contact hours.

1. Compulsory courses (9 credits)
These courses cover historical foundations and contemporary approaches to creative writing, introduce integrated practices and strategies of craft, research, and reading, address small and large problems in the Creative Thesis, and offer guided reading in selected works. Assessment is by 100% coursework which may take the form of written assignments, excerpts, craft reviews and response papers with a minimum written output of 3,750 words.

2. Capstone Experience: Creative Thesis (15 credits)
The Creative Thesis, to be completed in the second year of study, provides students with an opportunity to develop an original body of creative writing in their field of interest under individual supervision by acquiring the essential skills and craft. Students are expected to spend much of their time on independent research and writing. A study load of 300 hours of which 95 are contact hours are expected. Assessment is by 100% coursework including an original Creative Thesis of a minimum of 17,000 words.