

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS
Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan
Department of English - Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing

College of Liberal Arts

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Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose	Intended Objectives/Outcomes	Assessment Criteria and Procedures	Implementation (what, when, who)
MISSION STATEMENT: 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.	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.	Review of theses.	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.
	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.	Review of theses.	Assessment committee will review theses.
	Students should complete their course of study in a timely manner.	Completion of coursework and theses within a period of 3-5 years (for each full-time student).	Assessment committee will review the Advancement to Candidacy forms for time to degree.
GOAL STATEMENT: 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	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.	Exit survey results and post-graduation achievement and career information.	Exit surveys of program graduates, plus post-graduation achievement and career information gleaned from social media and personal communications with faculty.

writing craft through a comprehensive reading list. 3. To provide students with opportunities to present creative work publicly through publication and presentations. 4. To provide teaching and tutoring experience for students with graduate assistantships. 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.	Students should consider their graduate program at UAF to be of high quality.	Exit survey results and post-graduation achievement and career information.	Exit surveys of program graduates, plus post-graduation achievement and career information gleaned from social media and personal communications with faculty.
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