The English department offers a full range of courses in the writing of poetry, fiction, drama and various forms of nonfiction in addition to advanced courses in expository writing.

An English major with a special interest in writing may complete a major in English literature with a concentration in creative writing. Alternatively, a student may count up to 9 units of upper-division writing courses toward the English major.

The department also offers a minor in writing; this minor can be combined with any major, including the English major. In the latter case, students are advised to take English and American literature courses (designated L14 E Lit) exclusively for the English major and writing courses (designated L13 Writing) exclusively for the writing minor.

Except where noted, students are expected to receive a grade of C or better in each course.