

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 66 (CVW): Delete the Application Process for the Creative Writing Concentration in English and for the Creative Writing Minor

Effective Date: Fall 2018

1. Delete: On page 147, the entry under **Declaration of Major in English:**

Declaring a major in English requires the student to complete a Declaration of Major form that must be signed by the department chair. Before declaring a major, students must satisfy the LANG 120 requirement.

In addition to completion of LANG 120, students declaring a major in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing or a Concentration in Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure must apply for acceptance into the concentration. The application process consists of:

1. satisfactory completion of LANG 260; and
2. submission of a writing sample and a brief letter explaining why they are interested in creative writing and what their goals are for pursuing the concentration in creative writing.

Applications will be reviewed once a semester by a committee appointed by the director of the creative writing program and the chair of the Department of English. Students not admitted to the program may reapply after successfully completing a 300-level LANG workshop or after consultation with the director of the creative writing program.

Add: On page 147, in place of deleted entry

Declaring a major in English requires the student to complete an online Declaration of Major form that must be approved by the department chair. Before declaring a major, students must satisfy the LANG 120 requirement.

2. Delete: On page 146, the last sentence in the paragraph under **Major in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing :**

Students wanting to complete the Concentration in Creative Writing must follow the application process listed under Declaration of Major in English.

3. Delete: On page 147, the last sentence in the first paragraph under **Minor in Creative Writing:**

Students wanting to minor in Creative Writing must follow the same application procedures required for majors in Creative Writing, listed under Declaration of Major in English.

Impact: Since we will be streamlining the application process, students will be able to potentially declare their major sooner, and our faculty will have more time to focus on teaching and service.

Rationale: Since we implemented the application process in 2008, the number of creative writing majors and minors per year has decreased significantly. By requiring students to complete the application, we, inadvertently, may have discouraged potential majors from applying—students who were intimidated by the application, or lacked the confidence to apply. Although we rejected students from this program, most every student who applied the second time was accepted. By eliminating the application process, we hope to see a rise in the number of students who choose Creative Writing as their major concentration or their minor.