



ACADEMIC MAP TO CREATIVE WRITING

2025-2026



NORTHWESTERN STATE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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| YEAR 1 | SEMESTER 1 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
|--------|---|------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| | ENGL 1010 – Composition & Rhetoric I | | | 3 | C |
| | MATH 1035 – Contemporary Mathematics or MATH 1020 – College Algebra | | | 3 | |
| | SCI 1010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science I | | | 3 | |
| | FREN 1010 – Introduction to French or SPAN 1010 – Introduction to Spanish | | | 3 | |
| | ENGL 2120 – Intro to Creative Writing | | | 3 | C |
| | UNIV 1000 – The University Experience | | | 1 | |

Semester Credits _____

| SEMESTER 2 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| ENGL 1020 – Composition & Rhetoric II | | | 3 | C |
| MATH 1060 – Finite Mathematics or MATH 1090 – Trigonometry | | | 3 | |
| SCI 1020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science I | | | 3 | |
| HIST 1010 – Early World Civilization, HIST 1020 – Modern World Civilization, HIST 2010 – History of the United States, or HIST 2020 – History of the United States | | | 3 | |
| FREN 1020 – Beginning French or SPAN 1020 – Beginning Spanish | | | 3 | |

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

| YEAR 2 | SEMESTER 1 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| | ENGL 2070 – World Literature Survey | | | 3 | C |
| | FREN 2010 – Elementary French or SPAN 2010 – Elementary Spanish | | | 3 | |
| | SCI 2010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science II | | | 3 | |
| | ENGL 3050 – Creative Nonfiction I | | | 3 | C |

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| SEMESTER 2 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts | | | 3 | |
| FREN 2020 – Intermediate French or SPAN 2020 – Intermediate Spanish | | | 3 | |
| COMM 1010 – Oral Communication, COMM 2500 – Interpersonal Communication, or PHIL 1010 – Introduction to Philosophy | | | 3 | |
| ENGL 3180 – Fiction I | | | 3 | C |
| Diverse Voices Elective* | | | 3 | C |

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

| YEAR 3 | SEMESTER 1 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| | ANTH 1510 – Ways of Humankind, ANTH 2020 – General Anthropology, ECON 2000 – Macroeconomics, GEOG 1010 – World Regional Geography-The Developed World, GEOG 1020 – World Regional Geography-The Developing World, or PSCI 2010 – Government of the United States | | | 3 | |
| | Upper-level Writing Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| | Diverse Voices Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| | Academic Elective | | | 3 | |
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| SEMESTER 2 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| PSYC 1010 – General Psychology, PSYC 2050 – Developmental Psychology, SOC 1010 – Principles of Sociology, or EPSY 2020 – Child and Adolescent Psychology | | | 3 | |
| Upper-level Writing Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| ENGL 4080 – Writing as a Profession | | | 3 | C |
| Academic Elective | | | 3 | |
| Academic Elective | | | 3 | |

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

| YEAR 4 | SEMESTER 1 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| | ENGL 4800 – Principles of Research | | | 3 | C |
| | Upper-level English Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| | Upper-level English Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| | Academic Elective | | | 3 | |
| | Academic Elective | | | 3 | |

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

| SEMESTER 2 | Milestones | Grade | Credits | Minimum Grade |
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| ENGL 4810 – Senior Seminar | | | 3 | C |
| Upper-level English Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| Upper-level English Elective* | | | 3 | C |
| Academic Elective | | | 3 | |
| Academic Elective | | | 2 | |

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits **120**

*See University Catalog for course options that fulfill this elective.

- Major Requirement
- Milestone
- Concentration Electives
- Academic Electives

YOU'VE FINISHED!



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Semester Credits = 120 | Concentration Electives = 39 | Academic electives = 23

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.