Programme overview

There is a growing interest in linking cultural sector practices to those of Education, to the benefit of both. This programme creates a valuable partnership across the Educational Studies department and the Creative Writing Team in the English and Comparative Literature department at Goldsmiths in collaboration with London-based cultural institutions. The collaboration with local cultural institutions will enable students on the programme to experience and contribute to the development of contemporary practices in creative writing and integrate theory, pedagogy and practice. The module caters for teachers and educators who are keen to develop as both writers and educational practitioners. The MA Creative Writing and Education develops insights into creative writing practices that provide a critical perspective on relations and discourses of teaching and learning in contemporary education.

The programme enables students to establish and strengthen their identity as writers and educators in informal and formal learning contexts (e.g. Writing Workshop and project based dissertation). They develop strong writing skills to a potentially publishable level and engage in sustained practical and theoretical research into writing practices. Practices of creative writing and practices of teaching and learning are brought into a productive relationship.

As part of the programme students rethink notions of writing pedagogy in a range of contexts, including local community sites. Students following the MA Creative Writing and Education programme may be given the opportunity to contribute to: performance poetry workshops and events conducted by Apples and Snakes; poetry performances and sessions run by the Poetry Society; drama projects created by The Complete Works; writing projects developed by the English and Media Centre; writing workshops in a range of forms led by the Ministry of Stories; and creative research projects run by the British Library.

Programme entry requirements

The MA Creative Writing and Education programme will be attractive to teachers and educators who are writers and/or are interested in developing as writers and exploring approaches towards creative writing. Candidates should have an undergraduate degree of at least second class standard in a relevant subject, and submit a portfolio of their creative or life writing. Their portfolio should include one, or a combination of items from the following list up to a maximum of 6,000 words: 1 or 2 short stories; 10-15 poems; 2 or 3 extracts from a novel; 2 or 3 extracts from non-fiction writing. If their first language is not
English, candidates need a minimum score of 7.0 in IELTS (including 7.0 in the written element) or equivalent.

There are students currently studying on the PGCE English module who have a background in English and Creative Writing and would be interested in completing their Masters through the MA Creative Writing and Education route. Primary PGCE students with an interest in Creative writing have also been approached about the programme and are potentially interested in pursuing this line of study. These students would be given advanced standing on the programme for their PGCE Masters level credits and be exempt from the option module in the Educational Studies department in the summer term and the core module Research into Writing Practices in the autumn term if they successfully completed a research module at Masters level as part of their PGCE. Candidates may be working in cultural institutions in the local community and/or be interested in creative writing.

EU applicants Applications from EU students are welcomed, and all the major European qualifications are accepted. Overseas (non-EU) applicants Students from all countries are welcome to apply and will have to submit a portfolio of their creative or life writing. Applicants will have the opportunity to engage in sustained educational research linked with local cultural institutions or schools. Each application is considered on its individual merits.

Further information about admissions criteria is available from the Admissions Department from Goldsmiths, tel: 020 7919 7766; or from the Goldsmiths website.

**Aims of the programme**

The programme aim will offer students the opportunity to develop their own creative writing practices and explore a range of educational approaches towards creative writing. The MA Creative Writing and Education is aimed at current teachers working in schools who have a particular interest in writing and writing practices, and practising/emerging writers who have some experience or involvement in education but would like to improve their writing skills alongside developing their knowledge of writing pedagogy. The programme will enable students to develop creative writing skills to a potentially publishable level, participate in local cultural events as writers, and develop advanced theoretical and critical skills in creative writing pedagogy. The MA Writer/ Teacher programme builds on the seminal work of the National Association of Writers in Education (NAWE) and draws on the first specific Benchmark Statement for Creative Writing teaching and research in universities and colleges (2008).

The aims of the programme are for students to develop:

- writing skills, whether in prose fiction, poetry, life-writing, script writing, non-fiction writing or multimodal composition;
- awareness of the range of literary and cultural forms available to them, and progress in exploring what forms are most rewarding in their own work;
- critical understanding of their identity as writers and educators in informal and formal learning contexts;
- critical and theoretical understanding of creative writing practices and pedagogies;
- detailed knowledge and increased confidence in combining their skills as both writers and educators. This programme provides students with opportunities:
  - To work with practising and published Creative Writing lecturers and Education lecturers in collaboration with professionals working in local cultural institutions: British Library, Poetry Society, English and Media Centre, Apples and Snakes, Ministry of Stories, The Complete Works;
  - To engage in creative and life writing workshops and research creative writing pedagogies in classrooms and cultural and educational settings;
  - To reflect upon the changing nature of the relationship between creative writing and pedagogy, and to engage with writers and cultural institutions to explore corresponding critical and practical debates;
  - To explore a growing interest in linking cultural sector practices to those of Education;
  - To develop insights into creative writing practices that provide a critical perspective on relations and

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What you will be expected to achieve

By the end of the course students will be able to:

Develop an advanced practical and theoretical knowledge of contemporary writing practices in relation to their own specialist practices as a writer and an educator.

Apply creative writing practices and pedagogy in a range of educational contexts;

Effectively conduct extended personal research.

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<td>A1</td>
<td>Present an advanced and systematic knowledge and understanding of recent and relevant literature relating to writing practices, education, and educational research, and be able to demonstrate a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights at the forefront of this field; Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Contemporary Writer Identity in Education Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>Have an awareness and knowledge of a range of literary and cultural forms and develop a critical and comprehensive understanding of what forms are most rewarding in their own work and of the techniques applicable to research into writing practices; Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Contemporary Writer Identity in Education Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>A3</td>
<td>Have detailed knowledge and an advanced understanding of the relationship between creative writing practices and pedagogies and develop critiques of the relevant methodologies, practices and pedagogies. Contemporary Writer Identity in Education Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>Conceptualise and present complex critical and reflective commentary about their own creative writing practice and its development within local cultural institutions; Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>B2</td>
<td>Develop new insights into creative writing practices that provide a critical perspective on relations and dismodules of teaching and learning in contemporary educational contexts; Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Contemporary Writer Identity in Education Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>B3</td>
<td>Be able to critically analyse and interpret theories that underpin a range of approaches towards creative writing and pedagogy. Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Contemporary Writer Identity in Education Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>Develop a critical awareness of their capability as a creative writer and teacher; Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Contemporary Writer Identity in Goldsmiths UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</td>
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### Education Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation

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<td>C3</td>
<td>Develop an advanced practical and theoretical knowledge of contemporary writing practices in relation to their own specialist practices as a writer and an educator.</td>
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### Transferable Skills

#### Taught by the following modules

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<th>D1</th>
<th>High level skills in organising and managing creative writing portfolio tasks and theoretical assignments;</th>
<th>Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Project-Based Dissertation</th>
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<td>D2</td>
<td>Advanced skills in critically analysing and evaluating creative writing practices and pedagogy;</td>
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<td>D3</td>
<td>The ability to systematically and creatively apply creative writing practices and pedagogy in a range of educational contexts;</td>
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<td>In-depth reflective and evaluative skills upon professional practice;</td>
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<td>D5</td>
<td>The ability to work creatively and imaginatively within the constraints of designated projects;</td>
<td>Creative Writing and Education Workshop in Creative and Life Writing Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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<td>D6</td>
<td>The facility to effectively conduct extended personal research and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.</td>
<td>Research into Writing Practices Project-Based Dissertation</td>
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### How you will learn

The MA Creative Writing and Education will create new partnerships across institutions in London through working in collaboration with the British Library, Poetry Society, English and Media Centre, Apples and Snakes, Ministry of Stories. These institutions have all been approached and responded with positive interest, and more recently with firm agreement, about collaboration with Goldsmiths to provide opportunities and sites for performance of work in progress. The involvement of these institutions will add both a local and national/international appeal to the programme: Apples and Snakes is a successful local institution based at Deptford that works with performance poets and schools nationwide; the Poetry Society and English and Media Centre are keen to support a programme that works across education.
and creative writing; The Complete Works and Ministry of Stories will offer opportunities to develop local community-based writing projects. The British Library involvement will enhance the educational research opportunities of students on the MA Creative Writing and Education programme. However all teaching on the programme, apart from occasional guest seminars, will be the responsibility of the programme team, and all questions of module design and assessment are in the control of Goldsmiths.

The collaboration with the cultural institutions is viewed as a way that students on the MA Creative Writing and Education will be able to build on the writing skills developed in the Creative and Life Writing workshop and examine approaches towards writing in a range of cultural contexts. These cultural institutions work with teachers, educators and young people on a variety of writing projects and as part of the project-based dissertation students on the MA Creative Writing and Education will be given the opportunity to collaborate more closely with one of these cultural institutions.

This programme creates a valuable partnership across the Educational Studies and English and Comparative Literature departments. The percentage split for the teaching of the MA Creative Writing and Education will be 60% in the Educational Studies department and 40% in the English and Comparative Literature department.

How you will be assessed

Assessment for the core module Workshop in Creative and Life Writing in the English and Comparative department is by submission of one piece of writing. This comprises of a piece or pieces of creative writing, life-writing or non-fiction writing plus a critical account of how the student has structured and developed their work. The creative writing portfolio includes a critical commentary.

Assessment for the core module Contemporary Writer Identity and Education in the Educational Studies department is by the submission of an assignment. Students are expected to apply the theoretical concepts under discussion to issues in contemporary writing practices, writing pedagogy, and their own experience as writers and educators. The assessment therefore forms an important and integral part of the learning process as it helps students to develop and clarify their ideas.

Assessment for the core module Research into Writing Practices in the Educational Studies department is by the submission of an assignment. Students are expected to gain knowledge and understanding of research and theoretical concepts in the field of creative writing. The assignment will support the development of stronger links with local cultural institutions and study of contemporary writing practices in the community and schools.

Assessment of the project-based dissertation across the Educational Studies and English and Comparative Literature departments is by the submission of a piece of writing. This could include a piece or pieces of creative writing, life-writing or non-fiction writing linked with a small-scale research study into creative writing practices.

Assessment of the option module in the Educational Studies department is by submission of an assignment in which students are expected to apply the theoretical concepts under discussion to issues in teaching and learning, usually from their own experience.

In order to avoid the duplication of assessment within the programme, students are informed that they must not use substantially the same material in more than one piece of work submitted for assessment, whether in an examination or assessed essay or dissertation. Relevant information on examination guidelines is made available in the department handbooks for postgraduate students. With regard to the appropriate choice of topics for assessed work, students are advised to consult module convenors, seminar tutors or personal tutors for further information.

ASSESSING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING
Summative assessment is by submission of a portfolio of creative writing with critical commentary, and written assignments. The final project-based dissertation will enable students to develop their ability to carry out and write up a research project to completion, and demonstrate a range of relevant knowledge, skills and understanding. They will draw not only on the taught sessions about research methods, but also on the knowledge and understanding gained during the rest of the MA programme.

**ASSESSING THINKING (COGNITIVE/INTELLECTUAL) AND PRACTICAL (INCLUDING SUBJECT-SPECIFIC) SKILLS**

These skills are evaluated across the programme through the requirement to produce a portfolio of creative writing as part of the Workshop in Creative and Life Writing and the project-based dissertation. The programme will enable students to develop creative writing skills to a potentially publishable level, participate in local cultural events as writers, and develop advanced theoretical and critical skills in creative writing pedagogy.

**ASSESSING TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**

Collaboration and co-operative work with local cultural institutions forms an integral part of the programme and will be evaluated through participation in the sessions and workshops and development of students as both creative writers and educators. The project-based dissertation will be an assessment of students’ ability to work creatively and imaginatively within a designated project and evaluate creative writing practice.

**Marking criteria**

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<td>80-100%</td>
<td>Distinction (Outstanding/Exceptional)</td>
<td>Department of Educational Studies: General assessment criteria for written work: [Exceptional] is awarded to candidates who show evidence of outstanding relevant reading and a highly advanced grasp of current major issues in the field. This knowledge will have been reviewed critically with insight, independence and originality of thought. Arguments and the presentation of evidence will demonstrate highly sophisticated reasoning and be exceptionally clear, well-focused and cogent, considered to be of quality suitable for publication. Candidates will have demonstrated that they have achieved the specific learning outcomes of the module to an exceptionally outstanding level.</td>
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<td>70-79%</td>
<td>Distinction</td>
<td>Department of Educational Studies: General assessment criteria for written work: [Excellent] is awarded when candidates show evidence of extensive relevant reading and an advanced grasp of current major issues in the field. This knowledge will</td>
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have been reviewed critically with insight and independence of thought. Arguments and the presentation of evidence will demonstrate sophisticated reasoning and be clear, well-focused and cogent. Candidates will have demonstrated that they have achieved the specific learning outcomes of the module to an excellent level.

Department of English and Comparative Literature: Criteria for Creative Writing: [Excellent] is awarded when candidates show evidence of an excellent ambition and execution in their writing, extensive relevant reading and reflective insight. This knowledge will have been reviewed critically with independence of thought and executed professionally. Arguments and the presentation of evidence will demonstrate sophisticated reasoning and be exceptionally clear, well-focused and cogent.

| 60-69% | Merit | Department of Educational Studies: General assessment criteria for written work: [Good] is awarded when candidates show consistency and fluency in discussing and evaluating evidence and theories drawn from a wide range of sources. They will demonstrate an ability to relate this reading to their particular educational field and will clearly have understood and assimilated the relevant literature. Candidates will have demonstrated that they have achieved the specific learning outcomes of the module to a very good extent.

Department of English and Comparative Literature: Criteria for Creative Writing: [Good] is awarded when candidates show consistency and fluency in developing ideas, character, dialogue, form and language. The candidate is able to analyse their aims and practice. They will demonstrate an ability to relate their reading to their writing, and will clearly have understood and assimilated the relevant literature. |

| 50-59% | Pass | Department of Educational Studies: General assessment criteria for written work: 50%-59% is awarded when there is clear evidence of knowledge and understanding but where there may be little development of ideas, critical comment or methodology. There will be reference to relevant reading, though not necessarily extensive. Within these limitations there will be indications that the student has grasped fundamental concepts and procedures in the field. Candidates will have demonstrated that they have achieved the specific learning outcomes of the module adequately.

Department of English and Comparative Literature: Criteria for Creative Writing: 50%-59% is awarded when there is clear evidence of knowledge and understanding but where there may be limited development of ideas,
character, dialogue, form, language or critical comment. There may be uncertainty in the candidate’s ability to shape and control their creative writing or in their ability to analyse their aims and practice. Within these limitations there will be indication that the candidate has grasped adequately fundamental concepts and techniques in the field.

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<th>Department of Educational Studies: General assessment criteria for written work: 30%-49% [Fail] indicates a fail when candidates do not satisfy the examiners that they have read and understood the essential texts of the course and when there are weak and inaccurate answers to questions. There may be confusion and incoherence and unfocused comment on the literature. Candidates will not have demonstrated achievement of the specific learning outcomes of the module.</th>
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<td>Department of English and Comparative Literature: Criteria for Creative Writing: 30%-49% [Fail]. At this level of study, a creative writing submission may show adequate knowledge of the syllabus but fail on grounds of inadequate relevance to the question/topic; it may be relevant and well-informed but incoherent in expression and argument; it may lack a grasp of fundamental concepts and techniques and may lack coherence and conviction.</td>
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How the programme is structured

The programme is available in full-time (one year) and part-time (two years) modes.

Students must have passed all the taught elements of the programme before they enrol on the
dissertation module. Students can bring up 60 credits from previous level 7 modules for a Postgraduate Masters qualification. Students may also access a range of modules from the MA Education: Culture, Language and Identity for their option module.

Year 1 f/t - Year 1 p/t
Workshop in Creative and Life Writing EN71084A Contemporary Writer Identity and Education ED71144A
One option module from MA Education: Culture, Language & Identity

Year 1 f/t - Year2 p/t
Research into Writing Practices in Contemporary Contexts ED71145A Project-based portfolio / dissertation ED71146BA

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Academic support

Support for learning and wellbeing is provided in number of ways by departments and College support services who work collaboratively to ensure students get the right help to reach their best potential both academically and personally.

Students are allocated a personal tutor and a Senior Tutor in each department has overall responsibility for student progress and welfare. Departments arrange regular communication to students in the form of mailings and meetings as well as regular progress reports and feedback on coursework and assignments. This is in addition to scheduled seminars, tutorials and lectures/workshops.

Personal tutors will invite students to meet in the first two weeks of a new term and regularly throughout the duration of a programme of study. These meetings aim to discuss progress on modules, discussion of the academic discipline and reports from previous years if available (for continuing students). This way progress, attendance, essay/coursework/assessment marks can be reviewed and an informed discussion can be about how to strengthen learning and success.

Students are sent information about learning resources in the Library and on the VLE so that they have access to programme handbooks, programme information and support related information and guidance. Timetables are sent in advance of the start of term so that students can begin to manage their preparation and planning.

Taught sessions and lectures provide overviews of coursework themes, which students are encouraged to complement with intensive reading for presentation and discussion with peers at seminars. Coursework essays build on lectures and seminars so students are encouraged to attend all taught sessions to build knowledge and their own understanding of their chosen discipline.

In depth feedback is provided for written assignments and essays via written feedback forms and
Formative feedback with module tutors/leads is provided to ensure that students’ work is on the right track. Feedback comes in many forms and not only as a result of written comments on a marked essay. Students are given feedback on developing projects and practice as they attend workshops and placements.

Students may be referred to specialist student services by department staff or they may access support services independently. Information about support services is clearly provided on the College Website and as new students join Goldsmiths through new starter information and induction/Welcome Week. Any support recommendations that are made are agreed with the student and communicated to the department so that adjustments to learning & teaching are able to be implemented at a department level and students can be reassured that arrangements are in place. Opportunities are provided for students to review their support arrangements should their circumstances change. The Inclusion & Learning Support and Wellbeing Teams maintain case loads of students and provide on-going support.

The Careers Service provides central support for skills enhancement, running the Gold Award Scheme and other co-curricular activities that are accredited via the higher education achievement award (HEAR).

The Academic Skills Centre works with academic departments offering bespoke academic literacy sessions. It also provides a programme of academic skills workshops and one-to-one provision throughout the year, which students can access directly at gold.ac.uk/eas/.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and career prospects

The programme provides and enhances continuing professional development in creative writing for educators and teachers, opening up opportunities to work with local cultural institutions and schools, and enriching current professional practice.

A survey in 2010 (Who’s prepared to teach school English?) showed that few PGCE English trainees (6 in the survey) had qualifications in Creative Writing and with new developments in schools this is definitely a gap in the market. Creative Writing is now part of English A Levels and there are plans to introduce a Creative Writing A Level into schools (September 2012) to link with university modules, but few English teachers have qualifications in this area of study. In addition, creativity is a key concept in the National Curriculum (2007) and there has been a recent drive to encourage schools to invite practising writers into schools. This MA would also be attractive to writers who are working in educational settings. The programme enables students to develop strong writing skills to a potentially publishable level and engage in sustained practical and theoretical research into writing practices. The MA Creative Writing and Education forges important links with local cultural institutions that can lead to new job opportunities and experiences working in a range of educational contexts.

The MA Creative Writing and Education programme aims to provide a transformative experience, generating knowledge and stimulating self-discovery through creative, radical and intellectually rigorous thinking and practice. It will develop particular Goldsmiths graduate attributes and is underpinned by the following values, styles and skills:

- Creative and artistic thinking that enables freedom of thought and expression and develops articulacy;
- Independent and radical thought that encourages students to think differently and challenge the norms;
- Passion and engagement which leads to students becoming more socially aware, flexible, and able to work in a team;
- Confidence in communicating with others and developing critical and analytical skills to enable excellent research and practice.

The requirements of a Goldsmiths degree

Master's Degrees
All Master's degrees at Goldsmiths have a minimum value of 180 credits. Programmes are comprised of modules which have individual credit values. In order to be eligible for the award of a Master's degree students must have passed all modules on the programme.

Intermediate Exit Points
Some programmes incorporate intermediate exit points of Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma, which may be awarded on the successful completion of modules to the value of 60 credits or 120 credits respectively. Individual programmes may specify which, if any, combination of modules are required in order to be eligible for the award of these qualifications. The awards are made without classification.

Final Classification
There are four possible categories of final classification for Master's degrees: Distinction, Merit, Pass and Fail.

For further information, please refer to the Regulations for Postgraduate Taught Students, which may be found here: http://www.gold.ac.uk/governance/studentregulations/

Programme-specific rules and facts
N/A

How teaching quality will be monitored
Goldsmiths employs a number of methods to ensure and enhance the quality of learning and teaching on its programmes.
Programmes and modules must be formally approved against national standards and are monitored throughout the year in departmental staff/student forums and through the completion of module evaluation questionnaires. Every programme also has at least one External Examiner who produces an annual report which comments on the standards of awards and student achievement. This output is considered with other relevant data in the process of Annual Programme Review, to which all programmes are subject, and which aims to identify both good practice and issues which require resolution.

Every six years all programmes within a department are also subject to a broader periodic review. This aims to ensure that they remain current, that the procedures to maintain the standards of the awards are working effectively and the quality of the learning opportunities and information provided to students and applicants is appropriate.

Detailed information on all of these procedures are published on the webpages of the Quality Office (http://www.gold.ac.uk/quality/).