Creative Writing

The Department of Creative Writing at UTEP is dedicated to the intellectual and personal growth of its students, and to the idea of creating a community of writers and thinkers who will serve the people and concerns of the border region for generations to come. Each student entering our program as a major or minor will certainly learn the fundamentals of many genres of writing, including fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and screenwriting, but with our focus on discipline, structure, and creative thinking, and on the ways imaginative writing responds to and impacts the world in which we live, students who complete our programs will be well situated to enter any career path they can imagine.

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