To apply to the B.F.A. (Bachelor’s of Fine Arts) degree in Creative Writing:

Applicants must submit an Admissions Portfolio that includes a Statement of Intent accompanied by samples of original creative writing. B.F. A. Admissions Portfolios will be reviewed by a committee of full-time English (creative writing) faculty. Portfolios should be submitted electronically, as a single pdf attachment, to the Director of the B.F.A. in Creative Writing (submit to englishbfa@potsdam.edu).

Your Statement should outline your prior writing experience and your professional goals, and explain your reasons for desiring admission to the program. Most Statements will be around 500 words. The Portfolio must also contain at least ten pages of original creative work drawn from two different genres (such as poetry, fiction, drama, creative nonfiction essay). Most students will apply for admission to the program following the completion of an introductory creative writing course (such as our COMP 202), but students may apply at any time after they have been admitted to the college and have registered for classes. During the academic year, students may expect a decision from the Admissions committee within four weeks after submission of their Portfolio. Summer decisions may take longer.

Students who are denied admission may re-apply once, no sooner than the semester following their first attempt. Admitted students will begin their program of study at the start of the next full semester following their admission. Following admission to the B.F.A. program, students will need to stop by Morey 120, the main department office, to fill out a “Declaration of Major” form, receive a faculty advisor, and get advising forms.

To declare the B.A. (Bachelor’s) degree in Creative Writing (or any other English major):

There is no application process for the B.A. majors in Creative Writing, Writing, Literature, or Literature/Writing. Students should follow the regular process to declare a major in the English & Communication department—Stop by Morey 120, the main department office, to fill out a “Declaration of Major” form, be assigned a faculty advisor, and get advising forms for the major.

Questions?
Contact the Director of the B.F.A. in Creative Writing, Dr. Richard M. Henry, henryrm@potsdam.edu.