



SALVE REGINA
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THE NEWPORT MFA



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"Forever is composed
of nows."

—Emily Dickinson



Write Your Book. Change Your Life.

Salve Regina University's vibrant, two-year program confers an MFA in creative writing in one of the world's most beautiful settings. Newport, Rhode Island is a coastal community steeped in cultural and literary history – home to novelists and to novels by Henry James, Thornton Wilder and Edith Wharton.

Our low-residency program will immerse you in the creative life through intensive study of the craft of writing, guided by dedicated faculty. Students can choose to specialize in fiction, poetry or nonfiction. Residencies consist of daily workshops, craft lectures, manuscript consultations and keynote readings, initiating students into the writing life as well as the business of publishing and editing. Each student spends the months between residencies working on their writing one-on-one with a faculty member.

The Newport MFA is designed for you – for writing your book while living your life. Our program offers a sustained focus on your creative project, without interrupting your other commitments.

The Newport MFA is dedicated to:

- the rigor of graduate study;
- individualized attention from outstanding mentors;
- providing a sustained writing experience that guides you toward a polished manuscript;
- introducing the professional aspects of writing through student contact with publishers, literary agents and editors;
- preparing educators for career advancement;
- balancing the solitude of writing with a dynamic community experience.

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About Salve Regina University

Salve is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from from across the U.S. and around the world. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the Ochre Point historic district of Newport, Rhode Island, and includes 48 new and adapted buildings. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) are qualified to apply.

To apply to this MFA program, students must submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- Personal statement
- One creative writing sample
- Resume/Curriculum vitae

To earn the MFA in creative writing, students must complete four residencies and four mentorships in their chosen genre, in addition to a final graduation residency (48 credits). The average time to completion is two years.

Residency in Creative Writing

During these eight-day, intensive community experiences, students participate in genre-specific workshops, seminars and lectures as well as publishing discussions and public readings. The first residency introduces students to mentors and to the expectations of long-distance learning. The residencies vary in focus depending on the student's status as a first- or second-year student. Candidates for graduation complete a fifth, final residency (see below).

Final Residency/Graduation

During the final residency, students submit their critical thesis and deliver a public reading of their creative work (chapter from a short story or essay, a series of poems or excerpts from a novel or memoir).

Mentorship in Creative Writing

During the months between residencies, a mentor provides individualized attention to the student's creative work through extensive written commentary. Students turn in four packets of new work over these intervening months, in addition to written responses to canonical and contemporary readings chosen in consultation with their mentor.



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