

LOW-RESIDENCY MASTER'S DEGREE

The Newport MFA in Creative Writing



SALVE REGINA
UNIVERSITY



DEGREE TYPES

Master's (MFA)
Combined B.A./MFA
pathway



PROGRAM FORMAT

Low residency



AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE

24 months



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Nov. 15 (January cohort)
April 15 (June cohort)

Discover Your Voice with the Newport MFA

Salve Regina University's Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program – the Newport MFA – immerses students in the creative life through residencies and mentorships, publishing and editing panels and craft talks, always with a sustained focus on writing. Our two-year creative writing program provides dedicated faculty mentorship in the genres of fiction, poetry, nonfiction and historical fiction and culminates with each student completing a polished manuscript.

The low-residency format of our MFA in creative writing program honors the increasing demands on students' time, teaching them to integrate writing into their day and setting them on the path to becoming lifelong writers. And through our popular accelerated program, qualified Salve Regina undergraduates can begin the Newport MFA during their senior (fourth) year.

Designed to Transform Your Writing and Expand Your Career

- Complete four residency/mentorship semesters in chosen genre(s), followed by a final graduation residency
- Each residency is focused on writing, daily workshops, craft lectures, manuscript consultations and keynote readings
- Dedicated time for focused, immersive graduate study
- Strong emphasis on professional writing aspects, including contact with literary agents, editors and publishers

Following the writing residency, students return home to a focused course of study under the attentive supervision of a faculty mentor. During the final residency, students complete a polished manuscript and give a public reading of their creative work.

Scan for more information, including course requirements and how to apply.





Ann Hood

Founding director of the Newport MFA

“After 30 years of teaching in MFA programs, writer's conferences and writing residencies, I have taken the best of what I've learned and observed to design the Newport MFA. I can go on and on about what makes our MFA program special: our award-winning faculty and guest writers, our sheer enthusiasm for this program, our engagement with our setting (think mansion tours, ocean adventures, the Cliff Walk, lots of clam chowder), a program that is lively and a literary community that will forge lifelong friendships and mentorships.”

THE SALVE DIFFERENCE

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

Our MFA program offers a pathway to publishing or teaching in the creative writing space. In addition to earning the terminal degree required to teach writing at most universities, our students engage with editors and agents to explore the business side of the literary world.

FLEXIBILITY MEETS CREATIVITY

Salve’s MFA program provides a unique opportunity for students to pursue a graduate degree without uprooting their lives. Working professionals can continue their lives where they are while also convening for biannual residencies.

DEDICATED MENTORS

Our MFA students are matched with best-selling and award-winning faculty authors. These dedicated mentorships ensure that all students graduate from the University with a well-crafted body of work in fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

Aggie Stewart '22 (MFA)

Writer and yoga therapist

“I was always interested in finding a way to bring together my passion for writing and publishing and my passion for yoga. I would not be where I am if it was not for my mentors and my cohort of colleagues.”



Nicole Acevedo '25 (MFA)

Writer

“Higher education can sometimes feel inaccessible, and with the Newport MFA, you can do it all. I loved that this program allowed me to balance work and my writing. It offered a flexible, independent structure that was perfect for my life at the time.”



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