



The **Master of Fine Arts** in **Creative Writing**

An extraordinary opportunity to learn the craft of writing from the inside out.

Some people are naturally gifted writers and storytellers. But no matter how great one's innate abilities, every writer must hone their skills to take their writing to the highest level to achieve success. The University of Missouri–St. Louis offers a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing to help you do just that. In fact, our MFA graduates have published books in fiction and poetry, won prestigious awards and placed poems, stories and essays in hundreds of esteemed literary journals.

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

UMSL's MFA in Creative Writing is a 39-credit-hour program designed as a terminal degree to allow a select group of student writers the extraordinary opportunity to learn the craft of writing from the inside out. The methods of instruction are simple but effective: writing workshops in fiction and poetry, as well as seminar classes on the craft of writing and assistant editorial work in conjunction with the internationally-renowned literary magazine Boulevard.

To apply to the MFA in Creative Writing program you must have earned an undergraduate degree and provide an appropriate writing sample: 10-15 poems if applying in poetry or 20-30 pages of prose if applying in fiction (roughly two stories or novel chapters). The curriculum includes 15 hours of workshop classes, 12 of which must be taken in your genre (poetry or fiction). Additional coursework includes Form and Theory (writing craft seminar), Literary Journal Editing (reading and evaluating submissions for Boulevard magazine) and an MFA thesis.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduate Writers Association

The Graduate Writers Association at UMSL is a student run organization focused on supporting graduate student writers by sponsoring a range of events, including writing retreats, informational seminars and visits by nationally-known writers and poets.

Serious education. Serious value.

The MFA in Creative Writing is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Career Opportunities

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Communications Director
Content Manager
Copywriter or Editor
Educator
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The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for creative writing.



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