DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Creative Writing (MFA)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Drexel University MFA in Creative Writing program is a unique **LOW-RESIDENCY** program that combines the craft of writing with hands-on exposure to the publishing industry. It's designed for students to enhance their creativity, forge professional networks, and succeed as writers. The program emphasizes **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** and **CAREER-FOCUSED OPPORTUNITIES**, allowing students to learn from award-winning authors and participate in workshops, residencies, and specialty courses.

Our program is the only low-residency MFA in Philadelphia. Most classes are taken online, and we offer a robust schedule of optional remote evening talks by publishing industry professionals and authors. Additionally, students can earn credit for work experience if they have already published one or more novels.

CONCENTRATION

The MFA in Creative Writing is for fiction writers. The program offers both craft- and career-focused electives, such as **NOVEL INTENSIVE, SCENE WRITING, EDITING, MARKETING FOR AUTHORS** and **THE BUSINESS OF PUBLISHING.**

FACULTY MENTORSHIPS

STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOTABLE PUBLISHED WRITERS DURING ONLINE WORKSHOPS, READING TUTORIALS AND ONE-ON-ONE PACKET EXCHANGES.

GRADUATE ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Students participate in three required in-person residencies throughout the program, including a professional residency in New York City to meet with publishers, agents and editors. The program also offers community-based learning experiences designed to spark creativity and make a positive impact. Students and alumni are invited throughout the year to attend remote craft and career talks, writing accountability meetups, book club gatherings and not-for-credit writing retreats in the United States and abroad.

Students edit the Drexel MFA literary magazine, *Paper Dragon*, serve as mentors in the Pen America's Prison and Justice Writing Mentorship, and run and participate in many other activities and events throughout the year.

CAREERS

Program graduates are pursuing impactful paths: **OWNING VIBRANT BOOKSTORES, WORKING AS HEAD OF MARKETING FOR A NATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSEUM, TEACHING UNDERGRADUATE WRITING IN UNIVERSITIES AND SECURING BOOK CONTRACTS WITH MAJOR PUBLISHERS.**

COURSE OFFERINGS

The program offers diverse courses to enhance students' creative writing abilities and practices. Some highlighted courses include:

- **READING AS A WRITER (POINT OF VIEW)**
- **READING AS A WRITER (DIALOGUE)**
- **FICTION WRITING WORKSHOP**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Information about scholarships and teaching assistantships is available on our program website. At this time, some merit funding is available. For applicants interested in earning money while pursuing their degree and learning how to teach, Drexel's MFA is one of the only low-residency programs with guided pedagogy tracks for TAs in creative writing and composition.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications open each September, and we begin admitting students in January. We have rolling admissions. Completing your application by the early action deadline ensures priority review by our committee and an earlier admission decision. Additional acceptance decisions are made as space allows.

- **EARLY ACTION DEADLINE:** May 1
- **FINAL DEADLINE:** September 1

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