



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CREATIVE WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING MFA

HOOD.EDU/MFA



“Central to our program’s philosophy is the idea of balance—between writing and the demands of everyday life, between periods of solitude and social interaction—as well as the presence of a diverse and cohesive literary community. The latter in particular is essential to our identity as a program. We believe that while we may write in solitude, we work together as a community to bring our art into the world.”

*-Elizabeth Knapp, Ph.D.,
MFA program director*

CREATIVE WRITING AT A GLANCE

Immerse yourself in the writing life with our low-residency MFA in creative writing. You will gain a solid foundation in literary craft, theory, criticism and publishing as you collaborate with a diverse, passionate literary community. Through a combination of independent study and one-on-one consultations with faculty mentors, you will gain confidence, self-discipline and practical knowledge of publishing. Learn firsthand how to draft, polish and prepare your best work for publication. Find your rhythm. Find your community. Find your voice.



UPGRADE YOUR EDUCATION

SUMMER RESIDENCIES

Each summer, you will convene on campus for a 10-day writing intensive residency, where you will participate in workshops and attend lectures, panels and readings.

CHOOSE YOUR CONCENTRATION

Our 48-credit program offers two tracks in fiction or poetry.



GUEST FACULTY

In addition to core faculty mentors, you will work with rotating special guest faculty, all of whom are published authors.

STUDY ABROAD

You may opt to attend an international residency through the world-renowned Prague Summer Program for Writers. Learn more at praguesummer.com.



CAPSTONE PROJECT

Our program culminates with a final capstone project—a full-length manuscript of your best work.

FLEXIBILITY

The low-residency format is designed to give you independence and flexibility, allowing you to work at your own pace from anywhere in the country.





CAREERS IN CREATIVE WRITING

STRONG EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, humanities majors have employment rates comparable to business majors.

BROAD APPLICATION

Combining arts with communications, a creative writing degree allows you to work in a wide variety of fields.

- Education
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Government / Nonprofits
- Marketing / Copywriting / Editing

HOOD GRADS GO FURTHER

Our alumni work as professors, authors, editors, journalists and more.



THE HOOD EXPERIENCE

AFFORDABLE

- Our tuition rates are among the lowest in the region.
- We offer numerous funding opportunities.
- You may qualify for an annual tuition discount of \$1,000 through our NeighborHOOD Partners Program.

EXPERT FACULTY

- Our distinguished professors are practitioner-based and maintain industry connections in their respective fields.
- Small class sizes and a low student-to-teacher ratio ensure our students receive personalized attention.

DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

Our graduate school population comprises more than 1,000 students from 19 states and 25 different countries. We welcome students from all backgrounds, regardless of race, gender or gender identity, age, nationality, socio-economic status or other demographic factors.

CONVENIENT LOCATION

Our scenic campus is located in the heart of historic Frederick, with easy access to shops, restaurants, galleries and more. Close proximity to the I-270/I-70 corridor connects students with the greater metro area, including Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT HOOD COLLEGE

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

SUMMER RESIDENCY

April 15

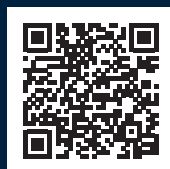
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