



ONLINE MA, MA-MFA

LITERATURE, CREATIVE WRITING, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The 100% online Master of Arts (MA) in Literature, Creative Writing, and Social Justice and the 100% online Master of Arts-Master of Fine Arts (MA-MFA) in Literature, Creative Writing, and Social Justice prepare students to become critically engaged and socially aware scholars, writers, educators, and professionals. This nationally unique, completely virtual program is designed to attract and foster the growth of individuals who wish to combine creativity with practical skills and critical knowledge, all while keeping in mind the pursuit of social justice in their own work, their communities, and their professional practice. Further, a student can complete the MA and the MA-MFA completely by distance.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Online MA-MFA in Literature, Creative Writing, and Social Justice
- Online MA in Literature, Creative Writing, and Social Justice



PROGRAM DESIGN

Using the online and hyflex delivery modes, the Program offers two to three courses each fall and spring semester and one to two courses per summer.

If a student takes courses in the fall, spring, and summer, the MA can be completed in two academic years, and the combined MA-MFA, with a social justice project and a critical-creative thesis, can be completed in three academic years.

Hyflex courses are offered in the evening, face-to-face and virtually, to allow working adults to pursue a master's degree while keeping their full-time jobs, and asynchronous courses are open at all times.

CURRICULUM DESIGN

LITERATURE COURSES – The curriculum balances a study of the art of writing with the study of literature through a variety of courses with diverse and extensive reading lists.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS – Writing-intensive workshops in fiction, nonfiction, screenwriting, and poetry are offered through the program. Students have multiple opportunities for revision that will help them produce a thesis manuscript.

COURSES OF PROFESSIONAL MECHANICS AND OPERATIONS – Students have opportunities to take courses in pedagogy, theory, scholarship, grant writing, literary editing and publication, translation, and more.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

VISITING WRITER PROGRAM – OLLU welcomes well-known authors to campus each semester to take part in the Visiting Writer Program. Each author co-teaches a course and gives a public reading.

SOCIAL JUSTICE READING SERIES – The series brings an author to campus each year to read work related to a social justice issue.

THE THING ITSELF – The OLLU literary journal, *The Thing Itself*, is published annually by the English department. Students, faculty and staff, as well as national and international writers and artists, can submit poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and art for publication consideration in the journal.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOURS – Some courses feature opportunities for students to study abroad. One such course is the British Literature course. Students who have taken the course in recent semesters have had the opportunity to travel to the United Kingdom with their classmates to visit some of the landmarks that they have read about through their coursework.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND GRADUATE PROGRAM HEAD – For questions or information, please reach out to Dr. Wallis Sanborn: wsanborn@ollusa.edu or 210-431-5571.



THE UNIVERSITY

Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), founded in 1895 by the Congregation of Divine Providence, is a coeducational liberal arts institution with an enrollment of approximately 3,200 students. A multi-campus, regional university, OLLU has campuses in San Antonio, Houston (The Woodlands) and the Rio Grande Valley (La Feria).

The University offers more than 60 undergraduate majors and minors, more than 14 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs. Academic degree programs are offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Leadership, the College of Professional Studies, the Worden School of Social Service and the Woolfolk School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. OLLU incorporates a technology-rich curriculum in all areas of study, and provides access to a wide variety of high-tech resources.

Our Lady of the Lake University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake University that fall under one of these areas: (1) to learn about the accreditation status of the institution, (2) to file a third-party comment at the time of the institution's decennial review, or (3) to file a complaint against the institution for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement.

