



MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

HONE YOUR CRAFT

In the MFA in Creative Writing at Belmont, courses are designed to build on strengths and knowledge from students' undergraduate experiences, to broaden their awareness of literature and writing, and to prepare them for the life of a writer. The graduate faculty is committed to fostering the skills of critical reading as well as creative writing, and to increasing student expertise in their chosen genre of study: fiction, poetry or creative nonfiction.

JOIN A COMMUNITY

We would love for you to join our community of working writers, guided by faculty members who are accomplished writers themselves and who will guide you toward being writers who engage with their core beliefs—intellectually, spiritually, and personally—in order to serve, “to engage and transform the world,” with humility, as a reflection both of who you are and the stories you must learn to tell.

EXPAND YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

If a career in writing is your goal, an MFA in Creative Writing will get you one step closer. Many successful career novelists and freelance

writers graduate from MFA programs. The intensive writing experience of an MFA trains students for a variety of careers in journalism, marketing, public relations, arts administration, publishing, library science, content creation and education.

FEATURED COURSES

- Craft of Fiction & Workshop
- Craft of Poetry & Workshop
- Craft of Creative Nonfiction & Workshop
- MFA Thesis
- Composition Theories
- Study Abroad
- Special Topics in Writing
- Gender Studies
- Special Topics in Literature



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IN THE U.S.
by Forbes

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Best Cities for College Graduates
by SmartAsset



KAI HARRIS

Student Testimonial

“When I started grad school, I didn’t have much direction. I knew I loved reading and writing, but I wasn’t sure where that could take me. During my time in the English graduate program at Belmont University, I discovered that I wanted to be an author, and I wrote the story that eventually became my first novel. I will forever be grateful for my time in the program because it taught me to never give up on my dreams and showed me that I am capable of more than I ever imagined.”



DR. GARY MCDOWELL

MFA in Creative Writing director & faculty member

“Writers have long searched for mentorship, instruction and community in their educational journeys toward mastery, mastery both of craft and, through modeling, of pedagogical strategies appropriate to creative writing instruction. Additionally, reading and writing are acts of love and survival pursued for the intense pleasures of creativity and imagination, and for the human need to communicate. The Belmont University MFA in Creative Writing will blend mentorship, instruction, and community-formation that will allow our students to achieve mastery under the tutelage of working writers/professors.”



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