



ONLINE MA, MA-MFA

LITERATURE, CREATIVE WRITING, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The fully online Master of Arts (MA) in Literature, Creative Writing, and Social Justice and the fully 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
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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 each summer.

If a student takes courses in the fall, spring, and summer, the MA can be completed in two academic years, while 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. 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, creative 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 whose work is couched in social justice to campus each year to read and discuss the role of social justice in the literary arts.

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.



Visiting Writer: Anel Flores



Study Tour to England

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 2,700 students. A multicampus, regional university, OLLU has campuses in San Antonio, Houston and the Rio Grande Valley, and an extensive online presence.

The University offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and minors, 15 master's degree programs and three 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, the Woolfolk School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the Salazar-Escobedo School of Mass Communication and Theater. 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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling 404-679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

The size of the MA-MFA program at OLLU is incomparable. I had the opportunity to build community with peers, which has continued beyond the program. I felt as if the course selections were tailored with me in mind. The rigor of the program prepared me for the rigor of the doctoral experience at UTSA.

-Carolina Hinojosa, MA 2020



Have questions?

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