

Department of Theatre Arts

MFA Guidelines Dramatic Writing

Program Overview

The Dramatic Writing Program is an intensive 2-3 year* plan of study designed to prepare students for a career as a professional playwright or to become leaders in the academic training of future generations of playwrights. It is the philosophy of the program to provide writers with the opportunity to see their work realized at all stages of development, from simple staged readings to developmental workshops and technically supported productions.

**Ask about our new distance-delivered, low-residency MFA option and our new MA → MFA conversion program.*

Plan of Study

The MFA in Dramatic Writing requires a minimum of 60 credit hours of coursework over a 2 -3 year* period and the satisfactory completion of a final Exit Project, which takes the form of a full-length play. At the heart of the writing program is the MFA Writer's Studio, a course in which students enroll each semester of their residency. In addition to the development of new writing, students enroll in a suite of courses designed to help the writer develop their unique voice and