The M.A. in Writing Studies program is based on the idea that writers learn best from practicing writers, in small courses, with lots of time for drafting, revising, and soliciting feedback from peers and instructors. Our program bridges the gap between traditional master's degrees in English and creative writing by emphasizing that all writing is creative. Students take a wide variety of courses in order to explore the craft of writing from various perspectives.

What will you learn?
The graduate writing studies program combines a traditional literature-based master's degree with a creative writing program by offering a wide variety of courses and providing students with a highly flexible, unique academic experience. At Saint Joseph's, writing studies students engage in diverse styles of writing, including short story, poetry, press releases, reflections on teaching writing, plays, adolescent literature, autobiography, biography, personal essays, and grant proposals.

The M.A. in Writing Studies consists of 30 credits and culminates with a thesis. Courses are semester length for fall and spring semesters and accelerated six weeks during the summer.
What will you do with a Master’s in Writing Studies?
The M.A. in Writing Studies Program nurtures all writers, from budding cookbook authors to poets, scholars, novelists, memoirists, and writing teachers. Upon completion of the M.A. program, students have found success in careers as editors, publishers and teachers.

Saint Joseph’s writing studies students have been widely published in national news outlets such as USA Today, Huffington Post, Italian VOGUE, Ebony Magazine and many more.

As graduates of the Writing Studies program, students’ words can impact communication and truly change the world.

“SJU inspired me to pursue many professional and extracurricular writing opportunities and projects that I would otherwise not have considered. The greatest strength of the Writing Studies Program was the flexibility that the courses and professors offered to me. I could combine and utilize many of my interests and skills into a single thesis project. I also chose SJU because I believed in the magis, and I was always inspired by those around me to go the extra mile.” — Rebecca Boudwin ('11)

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