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Lindenwood University's online Master of Fine Arts degree in writing ranks among the elite programs of its type in the United States, according to BestColleges.com.

According to the report, released Friday, Jan. 19, Lindenwood ranked second in the category. Only Harvard University scored higher.

"Located in Missouri, Lindenwood features undergraduate and graduate degrees designed to produce well-educated, responsible global citizens," the website reported. "The university's distance learning programs offer academic rigor, flexibility, affordability, and convenience."

Beth Mead, director of the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program at Lindenwood, said it is a tremendous honor to receive such positive reviews.

"The Best Colleges ranking is a wonderful acknowledgement of the high quality of our MFA in Writing program," said Mead. "We appreciate their recognition of our talented instructors, our wide variety of coursework, and the flexibility offered with our online option. We're confident that students looking for the opportunity to grow as writers through personalized feedback and instruction will find exactly what they're seeking at Lindenwood University."

BestColleges.com gave Lindenwood University's creative writing program high marks for the flexibility it offers students, the quality of the faculty and small class sizes that allow for a lot of personal attention.

"Lindenwood's 48-credit [Master's of Fine Arts in writing](#) is an accelerated program that students can complete 100 percent online, though some classes are available on campus," the website noted. "Students in this online MFA in creative writing participate in intensive craft courses, literature courses, and workshops on genres such as fiction, the novel, scriptwriting, and narrative journalism."

"Students are not required to declare an area of emphasis and can study multiple genres. Experienced writers who are published authors, editors, and journalists serve as instructors, and the program boasts small class sizes of no more than 14 students."

Working as a writer can be a fulfilling and financially rewarding career. According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, the median salary for a writer in 2016 was \$61,240. A degree in creative writing prepares students for work as fiction writers, script writers, content writers, academics, and in various other platforms.