

2011 MFA Rankings THE TOP FIFTY

Rank	School	Overall Votes (of 527)	Poetry Rank	Fiction Rank	Nonfiction Rank	Total Funding Rank	Annual Funding Rank	Selectivity Rank	Postgraduate Placement Rank	Years	Size	Full Funding	Cost of Living	Teaching Load	CGSR Compliant	Trend	Studio or Academic
1	University of Iowa in Iowa City	287	1	1	1	27	23	18	3	2	XL	Yes	Low	Average (+)	Yes	↔	S
2	University of Michigan in Ann Arbor	194	3	2	—	17	5	9	4	2	M	Yes	Average	Light	Yes	↔	S
3	University of Texas in Austin	176	7	4	—	1	1	2	1	3	S	Yes	Low	None	Yes	↔	S
3	University of Wisconsin in Madison	176	2	3	—	27	23	5	5	2	XS	Yes	Low	Light	Yes	↔	S
5	University of Virginia in Charlottesville	145	4	5	—	27	21	4	2	2	S	Yes	Average	Light	Yes	↔	A*
6	Brown University in Providence	144	6	7	—	26	21	6	23	2	S	Yes	Average	Light	Yes	↔	A*
7	Syracuse University in New York	121	12	5	—	6	8	12	27	3	S	Yes	Very Low	Average	Yes	↔	A
8	University of Oregon in Eugene	109	12	10	—	33	32	7	8	2	S	Yes	Average	N/A	Yes	↔	S
9	New York University in New York City	108	14	11	—	*	*	40	16	2	L	No	Very High	*	Yes	↔	A*
10	Cornell University in Ithaca, New York	103	14	12	—	3	2	3	6	2	XS	Yes	Low	Light	Yes	↔	A
11	University of Florida in Gainesville	99	26	8	—	13	17	20	12	3	S	Yes	Low	N/A	Yes	↑	S
12	University of California in Irvine	97	33	9	—	25	31	11	10	2	S	Yes	Very High	Light	Yes	↔	A*
12	University of Massachusetts in Amherst	97	4	21	—	46	47	19	21	3	M	No	High	N/A	Yes	↓	S
14	Vanderbilt University in Nashville	96	18	13	*	21	14	1	*	2	XS	Yes	Low	Light	Yes	↔	A
15	Indiana University in Bloomington	93	8	14	—	7	8	17	12	3	S	Yes	Very Low	Average (+)	Yes	↔	A
16	Washington University in St. Louis	90	10	18	—	12	3	8	12	2	S	Yes	Very Low	Light (+)	Yes	↔	S
17	University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa	88	17	14	18	2	18	25	9	4	XS	Yes	Very Low	Heavy	Yes	↑	A
18	Brooklyn College in New York	82	28	16	—	*	*	27	*	2	M	No	Very High	*	No	↔	S
19	University of Minnesota in Minneapolis	80	18	17	6	18	23	15	12	3	S	Yes	Average	Average	Yes	↔	S
20	Hunter College in New York City	72	21	20	7	*	*	16	*	2	S	No	Very High	*	No	↑	A
21	University of Montana in Missoula	70	21	19	11	+	+	26	21	2	M	No	Average	Light	Yes	↔	S
22	University of Arizona in Tucson	68	21	22	2	+	+	44	7	2	M	No	Low	Average	Yes	↑	S
23	University of North Carolina in Greensboro	66	14	25	—	+	+	31	19	2	S	No	Very Low	Average	Yes	↔	S
24	University of Houston in Texas	61	9	34	*	36	36	35	11	3	S	No	Very Low	Heavy	Yes	↔	A
25	Columbia University in New York City	59	47	23	15	*	*	*	32	2	XL	No	Very High	*	Yes	↔	A
25	University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign	59	18	30	—	5	6	14	*	3	XS	Yes	Very Low	Average	Yes	↑	S

NOTE: + = Honorable Mention; * = unrated; in Nonfiction Rank, — = nonfiction track is not offered; Total Funding Rank takes into account program duration; Size ranges from one to four students admitted per year per genre (XS) to twenty-five or more students (XL); Cost of Living is compared with Providence, Rhode Island; in Teaching Load, (+) indicates that admitted students may request additional teaching sections; Trend measures a program's movement of five places or more in the rankings between 2009 and 2010; in Studio or Academic, (*) indicates an academic-oriented program that requires only two courses (one a workshop).

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27	Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge	58	28	31	*	3	6	13	*	3	S	Yes	Low	Light	Yes	↑	S
28	Arizona State University in Tempe	56	37	24	*	10	10	22	37	3	S	Yes	Average	Average	Yes	↔	A
29	Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore	55	37	28	—	16	4	22	28	2	S	Yes	Low	N/A	Yes	↓	A*
30	Colorado State University in Fort Collins	54	31	31	—	48	49	N/A	*	3	M	No	Low	Average (+)	No	↔	S
30	The New School in New York City	54	37	25	5	*	*	46	*	2	XL	No	Very High	*	No	↔	A
30	University of North Carolina in Wilmington	54	42	28	2	+	+	41	*	3	M	No	Low	Average	No	↓	A
33	Ohio State University in Columbus	53	31	33	18	8	10	34	35	3	S	Yes	Very Low	Light	Yes	↑	S
33	University of Notre Dame in Indiana	53	48	27	12	+	+	36	23	2	S	No	Very Low	*	Yes	↓	S
35	Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg	49	10	43	—	9	10	33	*	3	XS	Yes	Low	Light	Yes	↑	A
36	George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia	48	26	36	7	+	+	50	30	3	L	No	Very High	Light	Yes	↔	A
36	Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana	48	21	36	—	10	10	29	*	3	XS	Yes	Very Low	Light (+)	Yes	↔	A
38	University of Arkansas in Fayetteville	47	33	35	—	19	26	24	23	3	S	Yes	Very Low	Heavy	Yes	↔	N/A
39	Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia	45	33	42	4	+	+	38	40	2	S	No	Very Low	Light	No	↓	S
40	Southern Illinois University in Carbondale	43	21	46	—	14	18	37	*	3	S	Yes	Very Low	Heavy (+)	Yes	↑	S
41	Florida State University in Tallahassee	42	45	39	—	42	42	21	45	2	M	No	Low	Heavy (+)	Yes	↔	A
42	University of Washington in Seattle	41	28	49	—	*	*	32	29	2	S	No	Very High	*	Yes	↓	A
43	University of Wyoming in Laramie	40	37	40	15	22	15	30	*	2	XS	Yes	Very Low	Light	Yes	↑	S
44	Pennsylvania State University in University Park	38	48	38	10	22	15	10	31	2	XS	Yes	Average	N/A (+)	Yes	↔	A
45	University of Maryland in College Park	36	33	+	—	*	*	*	26	2	S	No	High	*	Yes	↔	A
46	Boston University in Massachusetts	35	+	40	—	*	*	42	18	1	M	No	Very High	*	Yes	↓	A
47	University of Mississippi in Oxford	33	+	43	—	20	30	28	*	3	XS	Yes	Very Low	N/A	Yes	↔	A
47	University of New Hampshire in Durham	33	37	+	7	*	*	49	42	2	S	No	High	*	Yes	↔	S
49	Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey	32	+	+	20	*	*	*	*	2	L	No	Average	*	Yes	↓	S
50	Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York	31	48	49	12	*	*	*	36	2	L	No	Very High	*	No	↓	A
50	University of Nevada in Las Vegas	31	+	43	—	40	40	39	*	3	S	No	Average	N/A	Yes	↓	A

NOTE: Two additional programs are deserving of special recognition: Bowling Green State University in Ohio (#48 Poetry Rank, #31 Total Funding Rank, #41 Selectivity Rank, #19 Postgraduate Placement Rank, Honorable Mention in Overall Votes and in Fiction Rank) and University of Idaho in Moscow (#48 Poetry Rank, #47 Total Funding Rank, #45 Selectivity Rank, Honorable Mention in Overall Votes and in Fiction Rank).

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