

2012 MFA RANKINGS: THE LOW-RESIDENCY TOP TEN

Rank	School	Overall Votes	2010–2011 Rank	2009–2010 Rank	2008–2009 Rank	2007–2008 Rank	Genres	Selectivity Rank	Postgraduate-Placement Rank	Residencies
1	Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina	95	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	20 days/year
2	Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier	92	2	2	1	1	5	3	1	20 days/year
3	Bennington College in Vermont	78	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	20 days/year
4	Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon	47	5	4	5	★	3	n.d.	—	20 days/year
5	Antioch University in Los Angeles	40	8	6	4	5	4	7	—	20 days/year
6	Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts	39	6	7	7	4	5	6	—	18 days/year
7	Queens University in Charlotte, North Carolina	36	6	5	8	5	4	4	4	14 days/year
8	University of Southern Maine in Portland	30	10	7	5	9	9	n.d.	5	22 days/year
9	Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky	26	4	★	★	8	6	n.d.	7	20 days/year
10	Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont	24	9	10	8	7	7	10	8	16 days/year

Notes: The top-ten rankings correspond to the most frequently applied-to low-residency programs, as reported by 230 MFA applicants surveyed from April 16, 2007, to April 15, 2011. ★ (honorable mention) indicates a ranking between eleven and fifteen; — (unranked); n.d. (no data available). One additional program, Goucher College in Towson, Maryland, is deserving of special note, as its one-genre creative nonfiction MFA earned honorable mention in Selectivity Rank this year, and a top-ten placement or honorable mention in the Overall Votes in all four application cycles assessed. Visit www.pw.org/magazine for the rankings of the remaining thirty-nine low-residency programs.