



Harvard Extension School
HARVARD DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

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AVERAGE
AGE

Age Breakdown

<30 **22%**
31-40 **34%**
41+ **44%**

ALM in Creative Writing and Literature

- Capstone track
- Thesis track

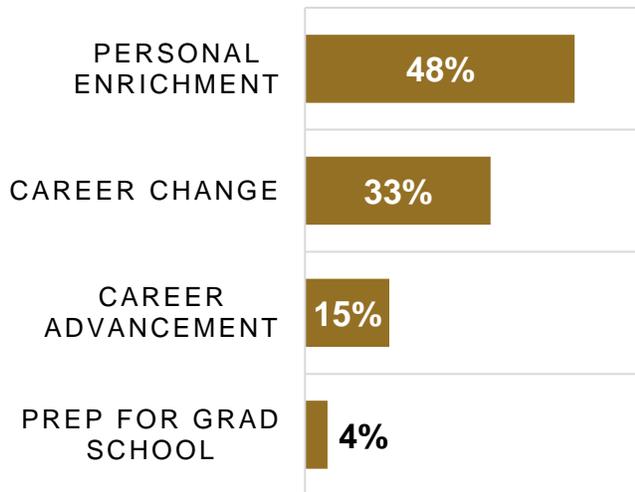
211 **DEGREE CANDIDATES**



WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE

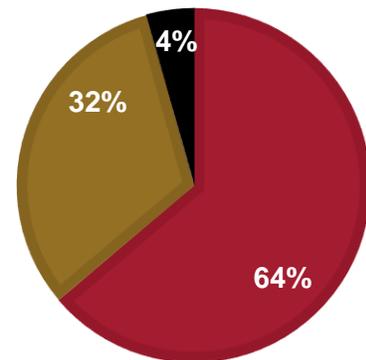
23% Live in MA
69% Live Outside MA
8% Live Outside the U.S.

REASONS FOR PURSUING THE DEGREE



AVG # OF COURSES TAKEN PER SEMESTER

■ 1 COURSE ■ 2 COURSES ■ 3 COURSES



72%

of students are employed full time while earning this degree

AVERAGE YEARS OF PAID PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD:

17
years

AVERAGE TIME TO GRADUATION

3.5 years



84% **GRADUATION RATE**

99% of recent graduates would recommend the program

SELECT JOB TITLES HELD BY OUR GRADUATES

Assistant Editor
Marketing Manager
Program Coordinator
Novelist
Senior Copywriting Manager
Director of Publishing

WHERE GRADUATES HAVE GONE ON TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES

Tufts University
Georgetown University
Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Cornell University
University of North Carolina



Alumni Comment Corner



MEET ALM IN CREATIVE WRITING GRADUATE, JONATHAN REYNOLDS

Job title prior to HES: When I enrolled at HES, my wife and I owned an educational travel company called Elite Expeditions, which is partnered with National Geographic Magazine. At the time, I was also working with my literary agent to prepare my latest manuscript for submission to publishers.

Current job title: My wife and I still own Elite Expeditions, and I also write children's novels for HarperCollins Publishing. My current series, MonsterStreet, was endorsed by R.L. Stine (creator of Goosebumps) and is currently being developed into an animated TV series. I am also working on my Ph.D. in Literature, Film, and Writing at the University of Birmingham in the UK.

How has earning a degree from HES helped you professionally?

I was fortunate that I had already "made it" in the publishing industry prior to receiving my degree at HES. But the value I received from my journey at Harvard was immeasurable, and the entire experience was inspiring. I felt highly stimulated by the courses, supported by the majority of my professors, and I came away from it all with a wealth of new knowledge, experiences, and friendships I'll forever cherish. Also, my degree from HES helped me get into a Ph.D. program at one of the top universities in the UK.

Most helpful resource at HES:

I had some phenomenal professors at HES who were incredibly supportive and with whom I still stay in touch. They are all wonderful people who truly care about the well-being and success of their students. Widener and Houghton libraries were also incredible resources, especially while working on my thesis about the American Transcendentalists.

Advice for prospective or current degree candidates:

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Fast Facts About Creative Writing and Literature Degree

Tracks

- Capstone track
- Thesis track

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Number of Degree Candidates

211

Where Students Live While Earning the Degree

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Reasons for Pursuing the Degree

- Personal enrichment: 48%
- Career change: 33%
- Career advancement: 15%
- Prep for grad school: 4%

Average Years of Paid Professional Experience in the Field

17 years

Percentage of Students Employed Full-Time While Earning the Degree

72%

Average Number of Courses Taken per Semester

- 1 course: 64%
- 2 courses: 32%
- 3 courses: 4%

Average Time to Graduation

3.5 years

Graduation Rate

84%

Select Jobs Titles Held by our Graduates

- Assistant Editor
- Marketing Manager
- Program Coordinator
- Novelist
- Senior Copywriting Manager
- Director of Publishing

Where Graduates Have Gone on to Continue Their Studies

- Tufts University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Cornell University
- University of North Carolina

Percentage of Recent Graduates Who Would Recommend the Program

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Meet ALM in Creative Writing Graduate, Jonathan Reynolds

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