2019-2020 MFA GRADUATE STUDIES CALENDAR

2019 SUMMER RESIDENCY (2019M1—MFA Term 1) and FALL SEMESTER (2019M2—MFA Term 2)

July 5-14 Summer Residency: Seminars, Workshops, and Readings (total of 4 credit hours – see courses below*)
5-6 Add/Drop dates for residency courses
9 Deadline for Withdrawal from residency courses with responsibility for 50% of residency tuition and with entitlement to 10% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)
15 Begin ENGL 570: Semester Project in Fiction, Poetry, or Creative Nonfiction; ENGL 575: Secondary Genre; ENGL 625: Critical Essay; ENGL 650: Thesis Manuscript Preparation (8 credit hours)
15-19 Add/Drop dates for ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650
26 Grades from residency due in Registrar’s office
26 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 20% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 20% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

August 9 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 40% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 40% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)
23 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 60% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 60% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

September 23 Advisor’s Midterm Advisee Evaluation due to Director
27 Final Deadline for Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 – responsible for 100% of semester tuition, entitled to 100% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

Nov 1-15 Pre-registration for W2020 Residency and Sp2020 Semester courses [Director completes pre-reg and students confirm at residency check-in]
11 End of ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650: Semester Portfolio due for ENGL 570, 575, 625; First Deposit of Thesis due for ENGL 650
25 ENGL 570, 575, 625 grades due in Registrar’s office; ENGL 570, 575, 625 Advisor’s Final Advisee Evaluation Due to Director (ENGL 650 grades will remain on record as “I” (Incomplete) until the final grades are submitted to the Registrar once Final Residency is completed and Final Deposit of Thesis is received; degree conferred May 2020.)

2020 WINTER RESIDENCY (2020M3—MFA Term 3) and SPRING SEMESTER (2020M4—MFA Term 4)

December/January
Because the lodging contract for Blackwater Residency is external to the College, charges for late withdrawals/cancellations will follow this schedule:
10% will be charged for lodging cancelled by Dec 9
20% will be charged for lodging cancelled by Dec 13
40% will be charged for lodging cancelled by Dec 20
75% will be charged for lodging cancelled by Dec 27
Full payment charged for lodging cancelled after Dec 27
Residency Fee Not charged to any student who withdraws by Dec 27
Dec 27-Jan 5 Blackwater Winter Residency: Seminars, Workshops, and Readings (total of 4 credit hours – see courses below*)
Dec 27-28 Add/Drop dates for residency courses
Dec 31 Deadline for Withdrawal from residency courses w/responsibility for 50% of residency tuition & residency fee and w/entitlement to 10% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)
Jan 6 Begin ENGL 570: Semester Project in Fiction, Poetry, or Creative Nonfiction; ENGL 575: Secondary Genre; ENGL 625: Critical Essay; ENGL 650: Thesis Manuscript Preparation (8 credit hours)
Jan 6-10 Add/Drop dates for ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650
Jan 17 Grades from residency due in Registrar’s office
Jan 17 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 20% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 20% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)
Jan 31 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 40% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 40% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

February 14 Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 deadline with responsibility for 60% of semester tuition and with entitlement to 60% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

March 16 Advisor’s Midterm Advisee Evaluation due to Director
20 Final Deadline for Withdrawal from ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650 – responsible for 100% of semester tuition, entitled to 100% of residency-semester scholarship (if applicable)

April 1-15 Pre-registration for Su2020 Residency and F2020 Semester courses [Director completes pre-reg and students confirm at residency check-in]

May 2 Commencement [Fall 2019 thesis students graduating at the Winter 2020 Residency may participate in commencement; Spring 2020 thesis students, pending Dean’s approval, may participate in commencement but degree will be finalized after completion of Summer 2020 Residency and receipt of Final Deposit of Thesis]
4 End of ENGL 570, 575, 625, 650: Semester Portfolio due for ENGL 570, 575, 625; First Deposit of Thesis due for ENGL 650
18 ENGL 570, 575, 625 grades due in Registrar’s office; ENGL 570, 575, 625 Advisor’s Final Advisee Evaluation Due to Director
(ENGL 650 grades will remain on record as “I” (Incomplete) until the final grades are submitted to the Registrar once Fifth Residency is completed and Final Deposit of Thesis is received; degree conferred August 2020.)

*Residency courses include ENGL 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545 depending on the student’s genre, and ENGL 655 (1 credit hour) for Final Residency students.