

The Writer's Academy

A photograph of a desk with a fountain pen, glasses, and a notebook. The pen is silver and black with a gold nib. The glasses are silver-rimmed. The notebook is blue and black. The desk is wooden with a patterned surface.

Course Brochure



was established in 2003 as a service for budding and established writers. It combines distance education, a critique service and market information with professional advice and support.

The Writer's Academy aims to support, educate and advise writers of all abilities. Whether you are 25 or 95, there is no greater enjoyment than writing your own story or article and seeing it in print. We can aid you in your quest to become a writer and help you on your path to publication.

Our Courses do not presume prior knowledge. People decide to take our courses for several reasons.

- **They would like a new career**
- **They want to try a new hobby**
- **They would like a second income**
- **They read something in a magazine and know they could do better!**
- **They want to be published**
- **They love writing!**

Home study is particularly relevant to the world of writing. Writing is a solitary business that occurs primarily in the writer's own home. When you take a course with us, you have the added benefit of your own personal tutor who will work with you through the duration of the course.

Our Short Story Writing and Freelance Article Writing home study courses have been designed to improve your skills as a writer. We take you from finding ideas through the writing process and on to presenting your work for publication.

There are six modules and five assignments to complete in your own time. You work at a pace that suits you in the comfort of your own home. On completion of all five assignments, you will be awarded The Writer's Academy Certificate of Achievement.

Short Story Writing Course Content

Our home study **Short Story Writing** course will guide you through the essential elements of short story writing; improving and developing your skills every step of the way.

Whether you want to write for glossy magazines, enter competitions or see your work in an anthology this is the course for you.

Becoming a Writer

Tips and advice on setting up your writing space, finding time and looking for ideas.

Module One

Types of short story, where to find them and finding ideas

Assignment One

Module Two

Plot, structure, style, tone, length and titles

Assignment Two

Module Three

Characterisation, viewpoint, dialogue

Assignment Three

Module Four

Presentation and approaching editors

Assignment Four

Module Five

The Short Story market, small publications and the Web

Assignment Five

Module Six- Publishing Rights

Information on publishing rights and copyright.



Freelance Article Writing Course Content

Our home study Freelance Article Writing course will help you to develop and hone your skills as a feature writer. Whether you want to write for a local journal, national newspaper or global magazine, this course will set you on the right track to becoming a freelance writer.

Becoming a Writer

Tips and advice on setting up your writing space, finding time and looking for ideas.

Module One - Knowing your Subject

How to choose a topic and find your niche.

Assignment One

Module Two - Researching your Market & Approaching Editor

Where do you sell your work? How to examine the market and prepare your manuscript for the editor's desk.

Assignment Two

Module Three - Small Beginnings

Ways to get published quick!

Assignment Three

Module Four - Writing an Article

Looking at different types of articles. Writing your article; advice on beginnings, middles, ends and much more...

Assignment Four

Module Five - Presentation

Making your manuscript look good - the way an editor wants to see it.

Assignment Five

Module Six- Publishing Rights

Information on publishing rights and copyright



**Want some expert advice?
Would you like a professional to look over your work?**

Try our Critiquing and Market Advice Service

Critiquing

This service aims to assess and evaluate a writer's work through correction of spelling, punctuation and grammar. It gives advice on word order, description and presentation.

All comments made are to assist the writer in producing a saleable manuscript ready for the editor's desk. Market Advice is included.

Current rates are €20 per 1,000 words.

Market Advice

On reading a writer's manuscript, we shall suggest potential markets that may be interested in using your article. This may be in Ireland, the UK or further afield.

A variety of media may be put forward as possible freelance opportunities; magazines, the Internet, radio, newspapers, etc

Current rates are €10 per 1,000 words



Reduced rates apply to large manuscripts.

Email us today with your requirements for a quotation.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please select your course.

Freelance Article Writing

Short Story Writing

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....Email.....

COURSE FEES

Course by Printed Material	€305/ £275	<i>Reduced rate</i>	€250/ £225
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Course on CD-rom	€255/ £230	<i>Reduced rate</i>	€200/ £180
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I am paying the correct fee by cheque / postal order on enrolment. (Payment by installment can be arranged on request). Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to The Writer's Academy. Reduced rate fees must be accompanied by proof of qualification. I have read and understood the conditions of enrolment.

Signature.....Date.....

Please return to The Writer's Academy, Carrig-on-Bannow, Co. Wexford

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

- The courses presented in this brochure are available as printed material presented in a ring bound folder or as a Word file on CD-rom. Course materials will be sent out within 10 days of receipt of payment.
- Enrolment will be accepted in the name of the student only. The course is not transferable and all materials are for the so named student's sole use.
- There is no time limit on your studies. However, it is recommended that the course is completed within one year of enrolment.
- Communication between students and tutors will be conducted through The Writer's Academy by either post or email.
- Recipients of benefits, allowances and pensions qualify for reduced rate course fees. If you are claiming reduced rate fees you must have proof of qualification. A photocopy of the front page of benefit or allowance book will be considered sufficient.
- All course materials are copyrighted and may not be used or reproduced by any means without prior permission by The Writer's Academy.
- Students retain copyright of their own assignments and The Writer's Academy will treat such manuscripts as confidential.
- Our Certificate of Achievement will be sent to you on completion of all five assignments.
- The Writer's Academy undertakes to make the study of its courses a pleasurable and informative experience.





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