



2025 Saint Leo MA in Creative Writing Summer Residency Schedule

Monday July 14th-Saturday July 19th

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*Please contact Tory England or Security first if you're staying on campus and have an urgent after-hours question or concern.

University Campus Locations: [Campus Map \(scroll down on this link\)](#)

All daily campus activities will take place in the Tapia Business Building. TECO Hall is located on the first floor of Tapia. Parking is available in the lots across from Tapia (temporary parking pass provided on Monday morning). Lunch Monday-Friday is served in the University Dining Hall, which is located on the ground floor of the Student Community Center on the Main Campus.

Schedule of Events

subject to change

[Expectations of Behaviors for All Participants](#)

Monday July 14th

9:00-10:00 AM: Check-in and Light Breakfast

Tapia Lobby/ TECO Hall

9:15 AM: Optional Campus Tour

Tapia Lobby

10:00-11:00 AM: Welcome

TECO Hall

Faculty and Student Introductions

Go Over [Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

Go Over [Individual Meetings Schedule](#)

Go Over Fall 2025 [Foundations](#) course

11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Workshop Breakout Sessions

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Lunch

SCC- Dining Hall

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1:30-2:45 PM: Generative Writing Activity TECO Hall

3:00-4:00 PM: Free Time to Socialize TECO Hall

or Meet with Your Workshop Instructor or Thesis Reader

[Individual Meetings Schedule](#)

Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

4:00-5:00 PM: Faculty Reading, Q & A, and Book-Signing TECO Hall

5:30 PM-on: Optional Dinner Out

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[Kafe Kokopelli](#)

Tuesday July 15th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Workshops

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Lunch

SCC- Dining Hall

1:30-3:30 PM: Craft Talk with Visiting Writer Phillippe Diedrich

TECO Hall

The Silent Type: Characterization through Action

3:45 PM-5:00 PM: Open Mic #1

TECO Hall

*Please keep your reading to 5 minutes or less.

Wednesday July 16th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Workshops

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Lunch

SCC- Dining Hall



1:30-3:30 PM: Craft Talk with Visiting Writer Asa Drake TECO Hall

[Populating the Poem: A Stanza is a Room Where You Choose Who Enters](#)

3:50-4:50 PM: Free Time to Socialize TECO Hall

or Meet with Your Workshop Instructor or Thesis Reader

[Individual Meetings Schedule](#)

Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

Thursday July 17th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Workshops

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Lunch SCC- Dining Hall

1:30-3:30 PM: Craft Talk with Visiting Writer Heather Sellers TECO Hall

Writing and Publishing Micro Memoir

3:45 PM-5:00 PM: Open Mic Night #2 TECO Hall

*Please keep your reading to 5 minutes or less.

Friday July 18th

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM: Workshops

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Lunch SCC- Dining Hall

1:30-3:30 PM: Craft Talk with Visiting Writer Chrissy Kolaya TECO Hall

Immersing Yourself and Your Readers in Scene



3:50-4:50 PM: Free Time to Socialize

TECO Hall

or Meet with Your Workshop Instructor or Thesis Reader

[Individual Meetings Schedule](#)

Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

Saturday July 19th

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM: Workshops

Workshop Group #1: Dr. Vedran Husić

Tapia Room 114

Workshop Group #2: Professor Gianna Russo

Tapia Room 130

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[Workshop Groups and Grade Breakdown](#)

12:00-1:15 PM: Pizza Lunch

TECO Hall

1:30 PM-2:45 PM: Graduating Student Reading

[Reading Schedule and Guidelines](#)

TECO Hall

3:00 PM-4:00 PM: Commencement Ceremony for Graduating Students

TECO Hall

4:30 PM-on: Optional Happy Hour Celebration

[Dade City Tap House & Spirits](#)

Miscellaneous Items

- [Shared Photo Album](#)
- Don't forget your Summer Residency Reflection ([scroll down on this link](#)) due to your D2L Assignment folder by Friday July 25th, 2025 by 11:59 PM.
- Past [Foundations syllabus](#) and [Workshop syllabus](#) as examples for what to expect for the Fall semester