

Digital Writing & Publication (Shield and Lance) **Credit .50/1.00**
Semester/Year **FR/SO/J/S**

Students in this course will write and edit different forms of imaginative (fiction, poetry) and/or journalistic writing (news, feature, sports, interview, editorial, review, and types of creative non-fiction). Students receive direct writing instruction in these areas with the aims of producing issues of Mercy's newspaper, The Shield and/or literary magazine, The Lance. Although students may choose to specialize in either journalism or imaginative writing (.5 credit), they can choose to build a substantial, personal portfolio of work in both areas (1 credit). Workshops for peer and teacher feedback will be conducted in-class. Students will also master the technology of various platforms for publication of their work and design and layout their own pages in both digital publications. The majority of this work will be completed during class time, so a student may choose to take these courses as a seventh course elective without overburdening herself. Because this course is publication oriented, students may take it for more than one year. This course also counts as a Fine Arts credit.