

# ENGLISH GRADUATE PROGRAMS APPLICATION PROCESS

## Thank You for Your Interest in the English Department Graduate Programs!

In CSU's English Department, our faculty members are accomplished in their respective fields, as well as dedicated and supportive educators. Our department is a wonderfully collaborative and creative environment fostering successful educational journeys for our students. We are excited to see your application and get to know you!

**HEADS UP!** We recommend you begin the online application and take any required test(s) three months before the English Department's deadline for the term in which you wish to enroll. Once **all** of the required documents that are outlined on the application have been uploaded, your application will be considered complete and eligible for review.

Please note that the English Department does not admit students for the summer term.

### PROGRAM DEADLINES

Program	Fall Program Deadline	Spring Program Deadline	GTA Application DUE
<b>MFA - Creative Writing:</b> Fiction, Creative Nonfiction or Poetry (CRWR-MFA)	January 1st	N/A	<b>January 1st*</b>
<b>MA - in English Education</b> (ENGL-ENEZ-MA)	April 1st	September 15th	January 15th
<b>MA - in Literature</b> (ENGL-LITZ-MA)	February 15th	September 15th	January 15th
<b>MA - in TEFL/TESL</b> (ENGL-TSLZ-MA)	April 1st	September 15th	January 15th
<b>MA - in Writing, Rhetoric and Social Change</b> (ENGL-WRHZ-MA)	February 15th	N/A	January 15th

**\*Complete program applications (MFA & MA) are required in order to apply for a GTA.**

### OVERVIEW

#### To apply to our graduate program:

Please review the English Department's MFA and MA graduate programs (see <http://english.colostate.edu/grad/>) to determine which program best fits your interests, and to see each programs' specific application requirements.

For additional application process information, you may contact the Department's Graduate Programs Assistant, Emily Dailey, at [Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu) or [970.491.2403](tel:970.491.2403).

The application process begins online at <http://gradadmissions.colostate.edu/apply>. Here you will:

- Create your application account and pay the application fee.
- **Read all directions.** Incomplete applications are not given the same consideration.
- Select your Degree. Select MFA for Creative Writing and MA for all other English Department programs.
- Select your Program. When entering the program code in the online application, please select as follows:

Degree	Program Code
MFA - Creative Writing	CRWR-MFA
MA - English Education	ENGL-ENEZ-MA
MA - Literature	ENGL-LITZ-MA
MA - TEFL/TESL	ENGL-TSLZ-MA
MA - Writing, Rhetoric & Social Change	ENGL-WRHZ-MA

#### The Graduate School and English Department base admission on the following:

- Your **complete** application and accompanying information
- A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale. If your average is below 3.00, you will be considered for conditional admission if sufficient evidence indicates that you can perform well in a graduate program.

#### The documents needed to complete your application are:

- **Your Resume or CV**
- **Your Statement of Purpose:** double-spaced, two pages; introduce yourself and state your goals while in graduate school. Upload this statement online.
- **Your writing sample, pertinent to your program:** Review the Programs' specific requirements on their webpage with the "Application Information" button, or contact [Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu) for details. Upload your writing sample online.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** Online, provide the e-address of each recommender who has agreed to write a letter. Your recommenders will be e-mailed instructions to upload their letters.
- **Transcripts** from each university or college you attended that represent the course work you completed for your Bachelor's degree and any other advanced degrees after. Use institution code 4075 and ask each institution to send either electronic transcripts to [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu) or hard copies directly to this address:

**Colorado State University  
Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1062**

- **Optional: [The GTA application.](#)** There is a separate application required for all GTA positions. When you apply online, please indicate that you intend to submit a GTA application. The GTA Application is found on the English Graduate Program's homepage, and must be saved as one document and uploaded onto your application.

#### Check Your Application Status:

- You may view the status of your application by logging back into your account at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete, to upload materials or to check on status updates.
- After the faculty decision has been entered online, you will receive an e-mail from the system, asking you to log in to view the official decision letter.

#### International Applicants:

- English Proficiency tests scores are required. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are accepted. An official TOEFL score, taken within two years prior to admission, must be submitted directly from the Educational Testing Service. The minimum TOEFL score is 550 (paper-based), 80 (Internet-based), or 6.5 (IELTS). Students are exempt from the TOEFL or IELTS requirement if the official language of their country is English or if they have recently earned a degree at an American university.
- As with domestic applicants, official transcripts are required. Please see the application document requirements above.