

Literature- M.A.

Application Information



ENGLISH
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Thank you for your interest in the English Department's MA Program in Literature at Colorado State University! Below you will find some more information regarding the program's application process and hopefully the answers to any questions you might have.

February 15th is the deadline for applications for the following Fall semester and September 15th is the deadline for applications for the following Spring semester.

Applications

To apply for the Literature Graduate Program, click on this link to access the [Graduate School Application Portal](#). The deadline for all required application documents is February 15th for the following academic year. If you intend to apply for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) as well, you must submit your program application as well as the completed **separate** GTA application to your profile by **January 15th**.

The program application documents needed to complete your application are:

- **Resume or CV**
- **Your Statement of Purpose:** double-spaced, two pages, to introduce yourself and state your goals while in this graduate program. Upload this form online.
- **Your writing sample:** Details below. Upload this form online.
- **Optional:** The optional GTA application.
- **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:** These must be from each university or college you attended that represent the course work you completed for your bachelor's degree and any advanced degrees since then. Ask each institution to send either electronic transcripts to gradadmissions@colostate.edu or hard copies directly to this address:

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

*We do not require the GRE. Taking the GRE is recommended but not required only if your previous cumulative GPA is under 3.0 (4.0 = A). Our school code is 4075.

M.A. in Literature Application Tips:

Select as your program choice: **English / Literature (M.A.)**.

Request letters of recommendation and transcripts early to give you time to follow up.

- Request three letters of recommendation
- Request transcripts

Your writing sample should indicate your familiarity with the aims and conventions of literary analysis; it should demonstrate the ability to engage with current critical debates or interact with secondary sources, or both. It should be about 7-10 pages long, citations added as needed, 12-pt. font (Times Roman or Arial), double-spaced, pages numbered, your name and title of paper on first page, above the start of your text.

GTA Application Instructions:

Prepare all three parts of your GTA application as one document, to appear in this order:

1. **The Background Experience form**—this is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer until ready to upload entire GTA application.
2. **Your Statement of Teaching Interest**—opportunity to express your interest in composition pedagogy and practice, to discuss your teaching-related training and/or experience
3. **Your Statement on Learning & Writing**—a short 500-700 word essay focusing on your response to one of the given topics on the application

Our GTAs teach three sections of CO150 College Composition each year, primarily to freshmen and sophomores. Being awarded a GTAship would provide paid tuition (1st year, in-state and non-resident tuition; 2nd year, in-state tuition cost only) as well as a monthly stipend for the fall and spring semesters in an academic year.

Click this link for the GTA application and information.

[Graduate Teaching Assistantship Application](#)

Tuition

Full-time graduate student status requires nine credit hours per semester. Please go to <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/base-tuition/> and click on GRADUATE for the tuition and fees that are current through June 30. The table at this site shows both Colorado resident and non-resident tuition and fees by credit hour.

Financial Aid and Other Funding

Go to the Office of Financial Aid website. [Financial Aid Opportunities](#), will provide answers to your financial aid questions and can direct you to additional resources. Please see links below for more funding opportunities.

Other funding opportunities can be found at these links:

[Liberal Arts Scholarships](#)

[Apply for Residency](#)

If any further questions arise, please contact Em Dailey, Graduate Programs Assistant, at Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu.