Thank you for your interest in the English Department’s MA Program in Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Change (WRSC) at Colorado State University. Below you will find information regarding the program’s application process, and hopefully the answers to any questions you might have. Please note, February 15th is the deadline for applications for Fall Semester consideration.

Applications

To apply for the WRSC 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 by January 15th.

The Program application documents needed to complete your application are:

- Your Resume or CV
- Your Statement of Purpose
- Online, provide the e-mail address of each recommender who has agreed to write a letter.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Transcripts: These must be from each university or college you attended that represent the coursework you completed for your bachelor’s degree and any advanced degrees since then. Each institution must send 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).

Other funding opportunities can be found at these links:

- Liberal Arts Scholarships
- Financial Aid Opportunities

M.A. in WRSC Application Tips:

- Select as your program choice: English / Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Change (M.A.)
- Request letters of recommendation and transcripts early to give you time to follow up.

The recommended writing sample is the expository or persuasive essay that forwards a topic or an argument (a discussion involving different points of view) based on evidence (often textual evidence). Although writing samples often come from academic work, this is not required—professional or other public writing may qualify. Contact the program director if you have questions. Your submission should be between 10-15 pages, citations added as needed, 12 pt. font (Times Roman or Arial), double-spaced, pages numbered, your name and title of paper on the 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. Our GTAs state their goals while in this graduate program.

Being awarded a GTAship would provide paid tuition (1 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 of the academic year.

Full-time graduate student status requires nine credit hours per semester. Please go to https://financialaid.colostate.edu/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
- Visit this link for more funding opportunities.

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