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 some more information regarding the program’s application process and hopefully the answers to any questions you might have.

Please note, February 15* is the deadline for applications for the following Fall semester.

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 15* 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 15*. GTAs are only hired once per year.

The Program application documents needed to complete your application are:

- Your Resume or CV
- Your Statement of Purpose:
- Select as your program choice:
- Your Statement of Teaching Interest
- Online, provide the electronic copies of your transcripts.
- Three (3) academic 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.
- 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 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 1000–1500 words. Be sure to introduce the topic and state your goals while in this graduate program. We encourage a complete and original writing sample.

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 and only to be uploaded once. You can use it to list your academic background and experiences.
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 teach three sections of CO150 College Composition each year, primarily to freshmen. 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 of the 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 refer to the Graduate School Tuition and Fees for the most current information as the rates are subject to change each year. You can find the most recent rates on the GRADUATE Tuition and Fees page.

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 Scholarship
Apply for Teaching Fellowships

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