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.

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:
- Your Statement on Learning & Writing
- Two letters of recommendation.
- The Background Experience form
- Your writing sample:
- English Proficiency Test Score

*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).

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; to introduce yourself and state your goals while in this graduate program.

Tuition

- Our GTA applications list a number of stipends and assistantships available to you, including full tuition and fees by credit hour. These assistantships cover the cost of your tuition and fees (state and non-resident tuition) as well as a monthly stipend for the fall and spring semesters of the academic year.

Financial Aid and Other Funding

- To apply for a GTA assistance (GTA) as well, you must submit your program application as well as the completed separate GTA application by January 15th.

Online, provide the e-mail 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. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for application review and admission, but official transcripts will eventually be required. Be sure to send official transcripts, as our school code is 4075.

Applying for Residency

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