



# M.A.–Writing, Rhetoric, & Social Change

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The Program application documents needed to complete your application are:

- **Your 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.
- **Personal History Statement:** Tell admission committees how your lived experience informs your skillset as it relates to the graduate program for which you are applying.
- **Your writing sample:** details below. Upload this form online.
- **English Proficiency Test Score** (if applicable): click [HERE](#) for accepted tests and scores.
- **Optional:** The optional GTA application.
- **Two 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. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for application review and admission, but official transcripts will eventually be required. To send official transcripts, ask each institution to 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). 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 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 and sophomores. Being awarded a GTAship would provide paid tuition (1<sup>st</sup> year, in-state and non-resident tuition; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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](mailto:Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu).