

*All MA in English applicants*

Successful applicants to the MA program in English will meet the following criteria, in addition to the admission criteria established by the Graduate School:

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher; and
  - A minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing section of the GRE or 150 on the verbal section of the GRE
- and
- a writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research, and coherence;
  - a statement of purpose of about 500 words describing career goals and/or rationale for pursuing graduate study in English. This statement should demonstrate a substantial commitment to graduate study.
  - Two letters of recommendation from people who have supervised the applicant in an academic or similar setting.

The M.A. program in English allows for conditional admission only under the following circumstances:

- Undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5; and
  - A minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing section of the GRE or 150 on the verbal section of the GRE.
- and
- a writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research, and coherence;
  - a statement of purpose of about 500 words describing career goals and/or rationale for pursuing graduate study in English. This statement should demonstrate a substantial commitment to graduate study.
  - Two letters of recommendation from people who have supervised the applicant in an academic or similar setting.

At the end of the first semester in the M.A. in English program, conditional status students are required to apply to our graduate faculty to request full graduate admission status.

*International applicants*

The Graduate School requires TOEFL scores for international applicants; the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies will consider an IELTS score of 6.0 in lieu of the TOEFL.