

Admission requirements

In addition to the minimum requirements set by the Office of Graduate Studies (refer to the other side of this sheet), admission in full standing to the MA in English program requires the following:

- An undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 or better (4.0 scale) or a grade point average of at least 3.25 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work;
- Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test (specifically, scores from the Verbal and Analytical Writing sections);
- Three letters of academic reference from faculty who are familiar with the applicant's scholarly potential;
- A sample of upper-division academic writing of at least eight pages;
- A 1,250-word essay that considers some of the following topics: the applicant's academic preparation to study English at the graduate level, the applicant's interest in this particular program, the applicant's educational and/or professional goals, and/or ways that the applicant's previous experience contributed to his/her/their decision to apply for the program.

Applicants to the certificate programs should submit official transcripts of all university-level work, three letters of reference that speak to their scholarly potential and performance, a writing sample from an upper-division university course, and a personal statement (250-500 words) explaining why they are interested in a specific certificate program.

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Program

The MA degree in English and the graduate certificates in specific areas of English studies are designed to foster creative and scholarly explorations of English language and literature. Students may arrange their own programs within scheduling options to emphasize literature, rhetoric and composition, creative writing, or linguistics, but they may not work exclusively in any one of these areas.

Degree requirements

The Master of Arts in English is a 36-credit degree. Students must take a minimum of 18 credits at the 700 level (up to 18 credits of the degree may be taken at the 500 level) and three core courses: Foundations of Literary Criticism (ENG 581), Research Methods (ENG 704), and English Thesis (ENG 795). All MA students are required to take at least two cultural studies or literature courses (6 credits), at least one rhetoric/composition or linguistics course (3 credits), and at least one creative writing course (3 credits). The students may choose from a number of courses in each of these areas.

Certificate requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing (a 15-credit program) provides writers with increased access to the university and to the many components of its creative writing program, which include graduate writing seminars in poetry, fiction, memoir and autobiography, and nature writing; workshops and colloquia with faculty and visiting writers; and poetry/fiction readings. Students will focus their certificate coursework by taking one required course (ENG 709: Special Topics in Creative Writing) and then choosing an individualized program of four additional 500- or 700-level creative writing courses from the department's curriculum. Students submit a final portfolio for completion of the certificate.

About the department

The English department has 22 graduate faculty members with areas of expertise that include creative writing, American and British literature, and rhetoric and composition. The department offers a variety of graduate courses as once-a-week evening courses to accommodate the schedule of part-time students who work during the day.

About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

- UW Oshkosh is the third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- The university enrolls about 1,200 graduate students as part of a total student body of about 13,500.
- UW Oshkosh is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

Graduate program faculty and services

- Graduate faculty hold doctorates and/or other terminal degrees and professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Outstanding student services, research equipment/facilities, and library resources provide an ideal environment for graduate programs.

Financial assistance

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through some colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and student employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and State-of-Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

Non-degree-seeking students

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without applying or gaining admission to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses for non-degree-seeking students is subject to availability and/or approval.

Minimum Graduate Studies admission requirements

Admission in full standing to a program requires the applicant to meet the minimum requirements listed below:

- a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
- an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) or at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work;
- submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work;
- submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, written personal statements and other portfolio items. Refer to www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies, the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

NOTE: International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

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