**Applying for the WSU Graduate Program in English: Frequently Asked Questions**

See also the WSU Graduate School’s FAQ at <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/faqs/>.

1. **How do I apply for the WSU M.A. or Ph.D in English?**

To be admitted to the Graduate Program in English, you must apply through the WSU Graduate School’s online application form here: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/apply/>. The priority application deadline is January 10.

1. **I’m especially interested in research in a particular field of study. Can you tell me whether your program has any faculty researchers with my interests?**

Our program has researchers in a broad range of fields. You can find their specializations listed here <https://english.wsu.edu/people/> and here <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/degrees/factsheet/doctor-of-philosophy-english/>.

1. **Here are my scores on various tests and my GPA. Can you tell me my chances of admission to the program?**

We do not have a set list of scores for determining admission, and we don’t require the GRE main or subject tests. The WSU Graduate School, and hence the English Department, has a GPA requirement: “Prospective domestic students must have received a baccalaureate degree from a college or university, accredited by a recognized association, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.” (See <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/domestic-requirements/>)

The English Department’s Graduate Studies Committee meets after the January 10 deadline to consider the pool of applications and make selections for admissions. They look closely at writing samples, letters of recommendation, personal statements, and grades as part of an overall process.

1. **Can I apply for the Ph.D. program directly after receiving my B.A.?**

No. Our Ph.D. program applicants must all have completed an M.A.

1. **How long should my writing sample be? Should I send it to you directly?**

Writing samples should be the length of a seminar paper or an article, about 10-25 pages, double-spaced. They are typically drawn from papers you’ve written for your graduate or undergraduate courses or from a master’s thesis. All materials must be uploaded to the WSU Graduate School site rather than being sent directly to us.

1. **What kinds of support are available? Will you fund my travel to Pullman and my living expenses?**

We are committed to supporting the students that we admit with teaching or research assistantships, which carry a stipend and, for those who apply immediately for Washington residency, a reduction in tuition. We offer a teaching assistantship when we offer admission, and if you have a teaching assistantship, you will be granted a waiver giving you in-state tuition for the first year as long as you apply for residency immediately.

From this stipend, students pay tuition, fees, and all living expenses, including travel. See <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/establishing-residency/> for information on establishing Washington residency. More information on financial assistance is available here <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/preparing-for-graduate-school/> and here <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/student-finance-page/>. WSU also offers scholarships and fellowships; information is available at <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/scholarships-fellowships-awards/>.

1. **Do I need to send you official transcripts at the time I apply?**

No. You can upload unofficial transcripts and will supply official transcripts only if you are accepted. See <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/faqs/> for more details.

1. **I’m an international student and will need to send documentation; where can I do so?**

Here’s a link to the WSU Graduate School’s information on applying for international students: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/international-requirements/> . This page has the information you need about financial support, documentation, and so on.

1. **What TOEFL score do I need for admission?**

Non-native speakers must take the TOEFL exam (preferably the TOEFL internet-based test [TOEFL-iBT]) or else the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency. The minimum score allowed for admission to WSU on the TOEFL-iBT is 80. This score is submitted online with your application.

Applicants whose first language is not English must also submit to the English Department’s Academic Coordinator, Tanya Gonzales (tanya\_gonzales@wsu.edu) a CD or .mp3 recording for the purpose of evaluating their spoken English. The recording should last 3-5 minutes and constitute a brief introduction to the applicant and his or her interests.

1. **Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?**

Either the Director of Graduate Studies (Donna Campbell, [campbelld@wsu.edu)](mailto:campbelld@wsu.edu)) or the Academic Coordinator (Tanya Gonzales, [tanya\_gonzales@wsu.edu)](mailto:tanya_gonzales@wsu.edu)) will be happy to answer questions for you.

Thanks for your interest in the WSU English Graduate Program!

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