MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ENGLISH WITH OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS IN ENGLISH OR AMERICAN LITERATURE

The MA program offers comprehensive training in critical theory as well as literary and cultural studies, exposing students to a diversity of texts within a global and transnational context. A large faculty serves a small student body to allow for close interaction and mentoring at every stage of graduate study. Students have access to extraordinary research archives, such as the Folger Shakespeare Library, Library of Congress, National Archives, and libraries connected to the many museums in Washington, DC.

Each semester, the graduate programs in English offer seminars on a variety of subjects and time periods. Special strengths include medieval and early modern studies, nineteenth century studies, and contemporary literatures. Students and faculty work closely together in and outside the classroom, especially through the Medieval and Early Modern Studies Institute, the nineteenth century studies seminar, the Wang Visiting Scholars series, and special events.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall - April 1 (February 1 for fellowship consideration)
- Spring - October 1

Standardized test scores:
The General GRE test is required. GRE general test waived for applicants who hold a JD, MD, or PhD.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Recommendations required:
- Three (3) recommendations

Prior academic records:
Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission. If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

Statement of purpose:
In an essay of 250 - 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application. If you are applying for an assistantship or fellowship, you should also describe any teaching experience you have had.

Writing Sample:
10-20 pages; this should be critical/scholarly work rather than creative writing.

International applicants only:
Please follow this link - https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/ to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-6210 (phone) ~ 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:
The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

Non-thesis option—30 credits; including 30 credits in required courses and a final master's portfolio; thesis option—30 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 6 credits of thesis.

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The remainder of the program is developed in consultation with the departmental advisor.

Students must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.25.