

# ENGLISH

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## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Applicants should have a junior/senior grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale), although exceptions may be made for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests. Applicants must also submit three letters of recommendation, a writing sample indicating their ability to do analytical or original work, and a statement of their professional goals. GRE scores will not be accepted.

For admission, M.A. students should have strong backgrounds in English courses: 18 credits beyond freshman composition are a minimum, but the department prefers at least 24 credits.

For admission into the M.F.A. program, students must have a baccalaureate degree (with substantial work in English), a portfolio of publishable student writing, and the intention to pursue a career as a professional writer.

To be considered for the doctoral program, students must have completed an M.A. in English, M.F.A. or its equivalent. The records of potential students should indicate promise of superior work in doctoral study.