

Admission Requirements

A minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate English courses beyond the general education requirements (at least 27 hours of undergraduate English are required for the literature and teaching tracks; a minimum of 12 hours, with at least two courses in upper-level literature, are required for concentrations in Creative Writing, Rhetoric and Composition, and TESL)

A minimum score of 4.0 on the GRE Analytical Writing section

Minimum GRE verbal and quantitative scores and GAP score (see below for information on the computation of the GAP score)

Statement of purpose that describes applicant's: 1) academic and/or professional experiences; 2) goals in pursuing graduate studies in English; and, 3) areas of interest in the discipline

A writing sample (approximately 10-15 single-spaced pages of poetry or 20-30 double-spaced pages of prose) if applying for the creative writing concentration. The writing sample should be the same genre (poetry, fiction, or creative non-fiction) in which the student plans to write the thesis

For students who took the GRE between 2002-2011:

Admission to the program requires a GAP score of at least 2200 [GAP = Verbal + Quantitative GRE scores X Undergraduate GPA] and a minimum score of 4.0 on the analytical writing section of the GRE.

Example:

Undergraduate GPA of 3.5

GRE score Verbal = 400, Quantitative = 400 for a total GRE score of 800

$$800 \times 3.5 = 2800 \text{ GAP}$$

For students taking the GRE after August 2011:

Admission to the program requires a minimum score of 139 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the GRE. Additionally, students must have a GAP score of at least 550 [GAP = (Verbal + Quantitative) + (Undergraduate GPA X 100)] and a minimum score of 4.0 on the analytical writing section of the GRE.

Example:

Undergraduate GPA of 3.5

GRE score Verbal = 150, Quantitative = 150 for a total GRE score of 300

$$300 + (3.5 \times 100) = 650 \text{ GAP}$$

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applicants should submit the following to the Graduate Studies Office:

- An application
- Official transcripts
- GRE scores
- Statement of purpose that describes applicant's: 1) academic and/or professional experiences; 2) goals in pursuing graduate studies in English; and, 3) areas of interest in the discipline
- A writing sample if applying for the M.A. in English with a Creative Writing concentration

All materials can be submitted at: <http://www.wku.edu/graduate>.