

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

2025-2026 MA Admissions

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2024. We do not admit students during the Spring semester. All admissions decisions will be communicated to applicants by April 15th, 2024.

We encourage applicants to visit the English Department to learn more about our graduate program, see the campus and our facilities, and meet with faculty and graduate students to discuss interests and goals.

The required applications materials include the following:

- Statement of Purpose (1 - 2 pages). The statement of purpose should discuss your scholarly interest, any research directions you would like to pursue, and how your interests and goals fit into the English Department.
- Writing Sample (analytical prose, not creative work, 15 - 20 pages)
- Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended. If an applicant is offered and accepts admission, the Graduate School will require official transcripts. Transcripts should show completion of the equivalent of a University of Kentucky undergraduate major in English. Applicants who do not have an English major but a substantial background in literature should contact the Director of Graduate Studies.
- University of Kentucky graduates should note their degrees on the application but are not required to submit transcripts.
- Applicants should have a minimum 3.25 on a 4.0 scale undergraduate grade point average and a 3.00 on all graduate work.
- Letters of Recommendation from three people who can evaluate the applicant's scholarship and qualifications for graduate work in English. Please email your recommenders to let them know that the Graduate School will contact them for a letter of recommendation that can be uploaded into the on-line system. Also, please provide the contact information for your recommenders.
- CV or Resume
- Application Fee. You can also pay the application fee on-line. The application fee is \$65 for domestic and \$75 for international applicants.
- Language testing for International Students: Test scores can be self-reported in the application; however official scores should be sent directly from the testing agency. TOEFL

iBT: Institution Code: 1837, Program Code: 99, Minimum Score: 79. IELTS: Institution Code: University of Kentucky Graduate School, Lexington, Kentucky, Minimum Score: 6.5 Overall Mean Band Score. Applicants from Nigeria, who will submit a 4-year awarded Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in Nigeria, are exempt from the TOEFL requirement.

- PLEASE NOTE: Neither the GRE subject test, nor the general GRE is required.
- The application fee is \$65 for domestic and \$75 for international applicants and is payable online.
- All materials must be submitted here: <https://gradschool.uky.edu/apply>
- Teaching Assistantship Application. Please fill out [this form](#) and upload to the online application.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Matt Giancarlo (matthew.giancarlo@uky.edu)