HOW TO APPLY:

The University of Idaho’s M.A. in English admits students for entry in the fall semester of each year. The priority application deadline is February 1. Applications incomplete at that time will be at a disadvantage and will not be considered for Teaching Assistantships. We usually notify applicants of their status in early March.

Take note: the application process takes some time to complete. You need to have your official transcripts from all institutions you have attended forwarded to our Graduate Admissions office. Letters of recommendation can also take a considerable amount of time. Start early.

We advise that you follow the progress of your application on the graduate website.

Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized accrediting association
- Undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 or higher for the last 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter credits) or an undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher
- Have maintained at least a 3.0 grade-point average in subsequent academic work, if any
- A TOEFL score (or equivalent English test) of at least 560 (paper test) or 83 (internet test) for non-English speaking students who have not graduated from an English-speaking institution

Application materials

1. Graduate Admissions online application.
2. Three confidential letters of recommendation, preferably from professors who can speak to your aptitude for graduate study. Recommenders should send letters directly to the Graduate Admissions office via the online portal. There is no departmental form for recommendations. Letterhead is preferable. If you are seeking a teaching assistantship, letters should also speak of your potential as a teacher of college writing.
3. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate courses completed at each college or university you have attended.
4. A Statement of career objectives, not more than two double-spaced pages, including your desires and goals for the program you wish to enter.
5. Curriculum Vitae or resume.
6. Writing sample: analytical essay, 8 - 20-pages, preferably a paper for a course and with the instructor’s comments on it.