Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications to the external M.A. program for the 2010-2011 academic year is February 1, 2010. The English Department has now closed applications for its M.A. program for admission in fall 2009. Application forms are available on the School of Liberal Arts website.

Students interested in the 4+1 M.A. program should contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Professor Molly Rothenberg, mollyr@tulane.edu. Students who are invited to apply for the program in the spring of their junior year will receive instructions via email.

The English Department will not be accepting applications for the Ph.D. program for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Please use the links to the specific M.A. program to which you would like to apply for more information on applications, course of study, and the certificate program.

General Information

At this time, the Department of English at Tulane offers opportunities for graduate work towards the terminal Master of Arts. The 4+1 M.A. Program admits Tulane undergraduates in the spring of their junior year: application is by invitation, as detailed below. Students with the Bachelor of Arts from other institutions may apply to the external M.A. program. Transfer credit is available for students entering with graduate work done at other institutions.

The programs admit a small number of students, and our average class size is eight, with a one-to-one faculty ratio. Faculty specialties include literary theory, modernism, American literature, nineteenth century British and American literature, early British literature, and world literature. Please review the faculty biographical pages for more information about specializations and research interests. The Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) advises all graduate students.

The M.A. programs offer coursework for students who have diverse plans for their futures. We have designed these programs carefully to provide students with the tools they need to understand the profession of literary scholarship and teaching. Each student receives coursework, mentoring, and/or practical experience in

- Critical Theories
- Research Methods
- Literary Fields and Concentrations
- Interdisciplinary Approaches
- Scholarly Presentation and Publication
Applying to doctoral programs or other further study and employment

Our program offers a unique Certificate in Digital Humanities and Archival Studies which includes professional internships in special collections, art museums, and research libraries; opportunities to contribute to the Amistad Research Center’s project to put Countee Cullen’s correspondence online; technical instruction in software and platforms for digital archival projects in the arts and humanities; and expert evaluation of the student’s certificate portfolio for employment or future study.

After completing the M.A. degree, some students continue graduate study in a doctoral program at another institution. Others pursue further education and/or employment in museum studies, library science, archival studies, journalism, or publishing. The M.A. is an excellent degree for students who plan to become teachers, and our 4+1 students may combine this degree program with the Tulane program in Education.

Graduate Student Life in the English Department

Graduate students automatically become members of an active graduate organization (EGO) that sponsors lectures by visiting scholars, receptions, and an annual series of student-faculty forums. Recent faculty conferences and seminars have included graduate students or featured their work. Our graduate students are encouraged to attend conferences, and the university provides a number of sources of funding to enable conference participation. Faculty members mentor graduate students to develop publishable papers. Such opportunities for developing professional skills and credentials constitute an important part of our program.

Tuition

Students admitted to the 4+1 program pay regular undergraduate tuition during their senior year, and then pay a reduced tuition in the “+1” year, typically about one-third the cost of the undergraduate tuition, plus fees. Undergraduate scholarships do not transfer to the “+1” year.

Students admitted to the external M.A. program pay approximately one-third the cost of undergraduate tuition, plus fees. No stipends are available.

Students are encouraged to check with the University’s Financial Aid office for information about aid and loans. The department does not arrange for financing.
**Fellowship Opportunities**

**Mellon Fellowship Shield**

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Please read the information in our website, visit our [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)](#) section, and feel free to contact us if you have further questions:

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The entire graduate program description is available [here in adobe format](#).