

DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION FORM  
MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE AND WRITING STUDIES  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS

**Deadline for Admission: March 15th**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Address:

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3. Current phone number:

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4. Permanent Address (if different from current address):

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5. Permanent phone number (if different from current phone number):

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6. E-mail address:

\_\_\_\_\_

7. When and from what institution did you or will you graduate?

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Grade point average:

in literary studies \_\_\_\_\_

cumulative \_\_\_\_\_

during your last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units \_\_\_\_\_

9. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Scores:

verbal \_\_\_\_\_ analytical/written \_\_\_\_\_ quantitative \_\_\_\_\_

10. List the names and affiliations of the individuals whom you have asked to send letters of recommendation:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

11. What was your undergraduate major?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have an undergraduate degree in a field of literary studies, please describe how your previous academic work relates to our M.A. program:

12. Do you plan to attend graduate school full-time? \_\_\_\_\_ part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

If part-time, please describe your time commitments:

13. What are your research and career interests?

14. Describe any research experience you have that is relevant to studies in literature and rhetoric/composition. Include experiences that were part of a course, independent studies, and relevant experiences for which you received no formal academic credit.

15. Do you have any work experience (paid or unpaid) relevant to the Literature and Writing Studies M.A. program? Please describe.

16. If you have been out of school for significant periods of time, please describe your employment and activities during those times:

17. Would you like to be considered for a graduate student assistantship?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

18. Have you taken courses in advanced composition, the teaching of writing, or in the theory and practice of writing instruction?

19. Have you completed an internship in composition (such as LTWR 495 at CSUSM) or tutored in a writing center?

20. How did you learn about our program (friend, website, other)?

21. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.** Please attach a 750-1000 word statement of purpose. This statement should address educational and career goals, relevant educational background and research experience.

(NOTE: This statement can also be used to answer question 26 on the CSU application form).

22. **WRITING SAMPLE.** Please attach a writing sample consisting of an analytical essay on a literary topic of at least five pages. This should be an essay written for a previous undergraduate course, not original work written for the purpose of applying to this program.

23. **IN ADDITION** to the information on this form, your application must include:

a. three letters of recommendation sent by people who are familiar with your academic history or your professional background, who can comment on your potential for success in graduate school.

Have these letters sent directly to:

Administrative Coordinator  
Literature and Writing Studies Cal State San Marcos  
333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road  
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001

NOTE: Students currently enrolled as undergraduates in Literature and Writing Studies at CSUSM do not have to supply letters of recommendation. They should instead list courses they have taken and the names of LTWR professors who are familiar with their work.

b. official GRE score report, sent to the same address as the letters of recommendation.

c. completed California State University application, sent to

Office of Admissions and Records  
Cal State San Marcos  
333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road  
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001

d. two sets of official transcripts, one sent to the Office of Admissions and Records, one to Literature and Writing Studies.

Prospective students seeking additional information may contact Professor Martha Stoddard Holmes, Graduate Studies Coordinator, Literature and Writing Studies, CSU San Marcos, CA 92096-0001, (760)750-8064, [mstoddar@csusm.edu](mailto:mstoddar@csusm.edu).

PLEASE SEE CHECKLIST ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

## CHECKLIST

Please use the following checklist ensure that you have completed all parts of the application:

The following materials have been sent to the Administrative Coordinator, Literature and Writing Studies, Cal State San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos, CA 92096-0001:

\_\_\_\_\_ a copy of all my official college transcripts (these must come directly from the registrar)

\_\_\_\_\_ a completed departmental application form

\_\_\_\_\_ three letters of recommendation\*

\_\_\_\_\_ a copy of the official GRE score report (this must be received directly from the Educational Testing Service)

\_\_\_\_\_ a writing sample

\_\_\_\_\_ a statement of purpose

\*not required for current or recent CSUSM students who have listed recommenders among tenure-track LTWR faculty

The following materials have been sent to the Office of Admissions and Records, CSU San Marcos, San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, CA 92096-0001:

\_\_\_\_\_ a copy of all my official college transcripts (these must come directly from the registrar)

\_\_\_\_\_ a completed California State University Graduate Admissions application form

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: It is your responsibility to determine if your file is complete. Incomplete files may not be given full consideration for admission.

You should contact the Administrative Coordinator, Literature and Writing Studies at (760) 750 - 4147 to ensure that your file is completed and all materials have been received.