

GRADUATE PROGRAM OF LITERATURES IN ENGLISH INFORMATION SHEET

STUDENTS WISHING TO APPLY

HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?

Go to: <http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu> and complete an online application. You will need to know the institutional and department codes and they are: Institutional Code R2790 and Department Code is 16350.

We require three (3) letters of recommendation, a personal statement, a writing sample (approximately 10 to 20 pages in length), a curriculum vita, transcripts (two sets), GRE (both general and subject) and TOEFL scores. All this information does not have to arrive at the same time, but should be forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Office, 18 Bishop Place, in New Brunswick. There is a \$60.00 fee required with the application. We will notify you before folders are reviewed if we do not have all your information.

WHAT IS THE CUTOFF DATE FOR APPLICATIONS?

The deadline for applications is December 15th.

DO YOU ADMIT STUDENTS IN THE FALL AND SPRING?

Our students are admitted in the fall only.

IS THIS AN M.A. PROGRAM?

This is a Ph.D. Program. Rutgers has M.A. programs in Camden Phone: (856)225-6121 and Newark Phone: (973) 353-5279, x 503.

IS IT A FULL-TIME PROGRAM?

Ours is a full-time program with no evening or weekend classes and no summer classes.

IS THERE FUNDING AVAILABLE?

All our students are fully funded for five years (first year Fellowship and the following four years TA) with the possibility of a second fellowship which would replace one of the TA appointments.

HOW MANY APPLICATIONS DO YOU RECEIVE?

We receive approximately 400 applications per year and usually admit between 15-20 students.

WHAT ABOUT GRE'S?

The program requires students take both the general and subject GRE's. There is no formula for admissions, the committee looks at the entire package. GRE scores have an age limit of three years.

WHAT ABOUT TOEFL/IELTS?

An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score is required of nonnative speakers of English. The minimum TOEFL score is 213 (computer version) and 550 (paper version). The completion of a master's degree in the United States is not grounds for waiving test results. A Band 7 or higher score is required for the IELTS. TOEFL or IELTS score may be no more than two years old.

HOW MANY CREDITS DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

You must have 42 credits of coursework and 6 Reading credits (which are the preparation for your orals exam) and 24 Research credits before you can defend your dissertation.

HOW LONG TO DEGREE?

An average of 6-7 years; some may take more than others.

DO WE PLACE OUR STUDENTS?

The graduate program is very active in assisting students to obtain positions in higher education by means of a vigorous placement program.

IF I HAVE AN M.A. WILL I BE ABLE TO TRANSFER MY CREDITS?

The program will allow up to 9 credits transferred provided the student received an A in each course. Applications for transfer credits may be made after the completion of 12 credits at Rutgers (not including "S" credits). The transferability of particular courses will be determined by the Associate Director. The graduate program does not transfer MA degrees.

STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM WISHING TO TAKE OUR COURSES

Whether or not the students are enrolled at Rutgers, they must contact the faculty member to ask permission to take their course. Once permission is granted and if they are Rutgers students they should contact our office for a special permission number. If they are NOT a Rutgers student, they must contact Admissions to apply for non-matriculated admission and pay a \$60.00 fee. They will also have to contact our office for a special permission number. If students are enrolled in one of the Consortium Universities/Colleges (CUNY Graduate Center/Columbia University/Columbia University Teachers College/Fordham University/New School University/New York University/Princeton University/SUNY Stony Brook), they should contact the appropriate office at their institution for the Inter-University Registration form. If a special permission number is required the student would then contact our office.