

Graduate Admissions Checklist



Potsdam
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

MASTER OF ARTS, ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION

Bachelor's Degree Requirements: Applicants shall have earned a bachelor's degree with a major in English, Communication, or Writing from an accredited college or university. Those who have accredited degrees in humanities and social sciences fields such as History, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies are also encouraged to apply, however additional coursework might be required.

GPA Requirements: A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the most recent 60 semester hours of undergraduate study.

Students may begin this program in the Fall semester. Starting off-template may be possible on an individual basis. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

- Completed online application** (Visit www.potsdam.edu/graduateapplication)
- *Letter of intent**-Expressing professional goals and how the program fits your professional goals. Specific attention must be given to program guidelines, and the document should be no greater than three pages.
- Three letters of recommendation**-Professional/Academic references that address your readiness for graduate study. Personal references will not be accepted.
- Transcripts from all institutions previously attended**-Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the purpose of admissions decisions, however official copies must be received after commitment to enroll is received. Transcripts showing a conferred bachelor's degree are required for full admission.
- *Curriculum vitae/resume**
- Academic Writing Sample**- Preferably a recent essay written for an upper-level English or Communication course that shows evidence of scholarly research and writing.
- International Students** must visit (<https://www.potsdam.edu/admissions/graduate/apply/international>) for detailed instructions related to degree and language proficiency.

**May be uploaded along with the graduate application*

Graduate Studies Admissions & General Questions

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