

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, M.A.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website. Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following items are required as a part of the graduate application for the M.A. Program in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies:

1. One (1) copy of official transcripts or academic records from each institution attended. International academic records must be in the original language and accompanied by an official English translation. Documents must be issued by the school with the official seal/stamp and an official signature.
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation. We prefer that at least two of the letters come from academic sources. These letters may now be submitted on-line. Please see the Graduate School's web link for instructions.
3. Statement of reasons why you wish to pursue the M.A. Degree in Gender and Women's Studies (2–3 pages). In their personal statements, applicants should explicitly articulate their academic interests and goals, describe how an M.A. in Gender and Women's Studies complements those intellectual goals, and explain how the faculty and the program at UW–Madison is especially well matched with the applicant's interests.
4. Curriculum vitae or resumé.

5. Writing sample, such as a paper submitted for a course in an academic program. The admissions committee wishes to see an entire piece of written work, generally between 5 and 10 pages. We prefer an academic paper or policy memo (professional writing) because we are looking for presentation of argument as well as appropriate writing skills.
6. The Department of Gender and Women's Studies does NOT require GRE scores.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications for fall admission is December 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Graduate School sets minimum requirements for admissions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>).

Applications are submitted online to the Graduate School (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/>).

Items that should be sent to the Graduate School are listed here (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/process/>).

Questions on the application process can be directed to the Graduate Coordinator (<https://gws.wisc.edu/graduate/graduate-advising/>).

FELLOWSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers teaching assistant (TA) positions to incoming M.A. students. TA positions provide tuition remission, a stipend and health insurance. Our current departmental policy is to guarantee funding for four semesters to our new M.A. students through TA positions in our introductory courses. All TA positions are contingent upon evaluation and performance. Similar to probationary faculty, TAs are observed and reviewed each semester and will be provided with advising and guidance to improve their teaching practice. Students must be in good standing to be eligible for departmental funding. Availability of positions may be different for international students; eligibility is determined at admission. There are a limited number of TA positions; so do not count on these as support for the entire 2 years of study. We encourage students to apply for positions elsewhere on campus.