

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15th each year is preferred, but deadline is ongoing; expect changes in your start date if application is not completed by March 15th

GENERAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The first part of the **online application** collects basic information (your name, D.O.B., degree information, etc.). After you submit this general Graduate School application and pay the **application fee** (\$50.00), you will be prompted to upload **supplemental application materials**. The Department of Modern Languages in the Languages degree, with specializations in French, German, and Spanish, requires you to upload/provide the following, with step-by-step instructions further below:

- **Statement of purpose:** a 2-page document describing your academic interests, qualifying experiences, and specific reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in English at the University of Mississippi. Submission in the target language (French, German, or Spanish) is encouraged but not required.
- **Writing sample:** a polished seminar-length sample (1250 words or more) of your best academic work. If you do not have a writing sample of this length, we can accept two papers totaling 1250 words or more of writing.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** you will be prompted to enter the contact information for three recommenders who will supply confidential letters of recommendation addressing your developing scholarly interests, your academic performance and potential, and any other details relevant to graduate study in English. Be sure they submit their letters on their school's letterhead.

In addition to the online application and supplemental materials described above, candidates for admission to the M.A. program must provide transcripts to the Graduate School; international studies whose first language is not English must provide English proficiency exam scores. [Graduate School website](#)

Official transcripts: Please submit transcripts from the institution conferring your baccalaureate degree and from all colleges and universities subsequently attended. Official electronic transcripts from US institutions may be emailed directly from your institution to gschool@olemiss.edu or mailed from your institution to:

The Graduate School
University of Mississippi
100 Grad School House
PO Box 1848
University, MS 38677-1848

Please note that only transcripts received directly from the college/university will be considered official. If you have not yet received your degree, please provide your current transcript. After you graduate, a second official transcript showing that your degree was conferred will need to be sent as well.

International transcripts may not be sent electronically. Applicants must pay their university to send the transcript by international mail.

English language proficiency demonstration for international applicants: We welcome applications for admission from qualified students from all countries. In addition to submitting an online application with all of the components outlined in the guidelines above, applicants whose first language is not English must provide an official score report from a recognized English proficiency examination as part of their application, such as the TOEFL, TOEFL (iBT), or IELTS. [See other accepted English proficiency tests as well as minimum score requirements. See exceptions to this policy.](#)

[Instructions on how to submit your foreign language testing information.](#)

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR UM GRADUATE SCHOOL ONLINE APPLICATION

Step 1: [Start at the Graduate School's Website.](#)

Step 2: Create an account by entering your email and selecting a password.

Step 3: Make sure that your computer will allow pop-ups.

Step 4: On the second page (“Application for Graduate Admission”), read the Application Overview and check the box at the top that states: “I have read the application overview.” Enter your residency information. Click “Begin Application Process.”

Step 5: On the third page (“Application for Graduate Admission-Personal Information”), enter the requested information.

Step 6: On the fourth page (“Admissions”) enter the department as “Modern Languages” and select the degree for which you wish to apply and the semester in which you wish to enroll. Please note: all graduate degrees in Modern Languages are based exclusively on the Oxford campus. Answer the questions pertaining to “Educational Background.” There are three programs within Modern Languages, two MA programs and one Ph.D. The two MA programs are Modern Languages-Languages, with specializations in French, German, and Spanish, and TESOL/Linguistics. There is also a graduate certificate in TESOL available.

Step 7: On pages 5 and 6, enter your contact information and residency information. On page 7 enter your Educational/Work History.

Step 8: Page eight (“Submit Application”) allows you to review the information you have entered thus far and submit your application. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE YOU SUBMIT. ONCE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR APPLICATION, THE GRADUATE SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO CHANGE INFORMATION EASILY. Click the box certifying that the information you have provided is correct to submit application. Once you have submitted your application, you will be asked to pay for your application fee (\$50.00).

Step 9: Once you have submitted payment information, a window will pop up asking you to provide supplemental materials. The Modern Languages programs require:

1. A statement of purpose;
2. A writing sample; and
3. The names and contact information of three confidential recommenders. A link will be sent to your recommenders asking them to upload their letters of recommendation. It is important that you alert your recommenders about your application in advance and that you waive your rights to review their letter of reference by checking the appropriate box. Sometimes these links are not received so be careful to check with your recommenders frequently.

Step 10: After each required part of the supplemental materials is provided, a green check mark will appear. When you have finished providing the supplemental materials, hit save. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCE YOU HIT SAVE YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN LOG OUT OF THE APPLICATION SYSTEM. THE COMPUTER WILL AUTOMATICALLY UPLOAD YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION TO YOUR ONLINE PROFILE.

Once your application has been submitted, it takes approximately 24 to 48 hours for your application to be uploaded into the system and for your recommenders to receive the email requesting a letter. Keep track of your application number in order to track the status of your application.