

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST – RHETORIC AND LITERARY STUDIES

- ___ **Application:** Apply online at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/graduate/admissions.html>
 - ___ **Application Fee** - \$50 graduate application fee
 - ___ **Official Transcripts** (transcripts **are not official unless sent directly to CMU** from the issuing institution)
 - ___ **Bachelor’s Degree** – Preferably in English or related programs like Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, or Rhetoric with a minimum GPA of 3.00.
 - ___ **Letter of Intent** - The personal statement (2-3 pages double spaced) is an important part of your application. It is your opportunity to describe (1) your career and intellectual aspirations, (2) the strengths and weaknesses of your preparation for graduate study, and (3) reasons why our program in Rhetoric and Literary Studies will help you reach your goals
- Please note:** If you are pursuing the **master’s degree in education**, include an explanation of your philosophy of education and how it connects to your pursuit of a degree in Rhetoric and Literary Studies.

Letters of recommendation: (2 for certificate only; 3 for MAEd)

- Limit to one page.
- Indicate how long the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity.
- Describe the applicant’s ability to be self-motivated and to learn independently.
- Identify what attributes make the applicant suited for the graduate certificate program in Rhetoric and Literary Studies.

- ___ **Letter of recommendation #1**
- ___ **Letter of recommendation #2**
- ___ **Letter of recommendation #3** (*required for master’s degree students only*)

___ **Immunizations** for those born on or after 1/1/57

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