

Advising – Graduate Students

Dr. Lou Thompson (Lthompson2@twu.edu) is ESFL's Graduate Advisor, and she can help with most of your questions about admission. If you are an international applicant, you will want to check the International Education web site first (http://www.twu.edu/o-sl/international_ed/), because many questions about international applications will be answered there. On your application, be sure to indicate that you would like to be considered for all University scholarships that are available to graduate students. Brochures for each of the graduate degree programs are available in electronic form at the department's web site (<http://www.twu.edu/english-speech-foreign-languages/student-resources.asp>).

The general requirements for the MA in English and PhD in Rhetoric are:

MA in English	PhD in Rhetoric
GRE score (Verbal-500, Quant-350)	GRE score (Verbal-500, Quant-350)
3.0 GPA on previous upper-division and graduate work	3.0 GPA on previous upper-division and graduate work
3 academic reference letters	3 academic reference letters
Interview, if applying for assistantship	Interview, if applying for assistantship
600 TOEFL preferred for international students	600 TOEFL preferred for international students
	Writing sample

The guidelines above are not individually restrictive, meaning that if your GRE does not meet the minimum score listed, that alone might not prevent you from gaining admission. The Graduate School and the department look at the entire application when making a decision. The form to determine your admission will not be forwarded to the department from the Graduate School, until your application is complete. Transcripts, GRE scores, etc., should be directed to the Graduate School. However, your writing sample should be sent to the department, and should be marked to indicate clearly that it is part of your application for one of the graduate degree programs.

For Students in a Graduate Degree Program at TWU

Almost all the forms you need are available from the Graduate School's web site (<http://www.twu.edu/gradschool/forms.asp>). You should establish an Advisory Committee soon after your admission, and you should work with a faculty member on that committee to establish a degree plan early in your program.

If you believe that you need a face-to-face meeting, please contact Dr. Thompson.