

# Application Checklist

(This checklist duplicates the one in the *Graduate Studies Admission Guide*)

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| • Application for Admission   | Graduate Studies      |
| • \$50.00 Application Fee   | Graduate Studies      |
| • Official Transcripts  | Graduate Studies      |
| • Proof of English proficiency, TOEFL (or IELTS) Paper-550; Internet-79<br>Internet-based TOEFL strongly recommended<br>(International Students only)   | Graduate Studies      |
| • Financial Resource Certification and supporting funding<br>(International students only-Required upon admission)  | Graduate Studies      |
| • Three Letters of Recommendation   | Modern Languages      |
| • Statement of Purpose<br>Supply a 300-500 personal statement, written in English, in which you discuss your proposed course of study at UNL in terms of your intellectual interests, academic and work experience (current and former studies, experience outside the US, etc.) and your professional goals. Indicate whether or not you are applying for an assistantship and describe any previous teaching experience.  | Modern Languages      |
| • Materials for department:<br>Writing sample and voice recording<br>The writing sample should be at least 10 pages, written in the target language and demonstrate your potential to research and analyze literary texts. We will be evaluating your ability to use the target language, to write effective essays, to do research, and analyze literature. The best sample is a research paper on a literary subject from a previous class. This is especially important for applicants to the doctoral program. If you do not have one available, contact the graduate advisor in your language about a substitute, for example, an essay on a literary topic or a research paper from some related discipline. Generally, creative writing is not appropriate.<br>The oral sample should include two statements, both three to four minutes long, one in English and the other in the target language. You can discuss the same topics as in the personal statement. We prefer that you do not read the statements, but “speak” them. The versions in English and the target language usually cover the same material. The voice recording must be uploaded as an mp3 file. | Modern Languages      |
| • Unofficial transcripts (photocopies)  | Modern Languages      |

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