

Changing Programs

Students are admitted to either the Master of Arts program or the Master of Fine Arts program, but after completing at least one summer term, they may apply to transfer from their original program to the other one. The application to transfer includes (a) a short letter to the Director explaining the reason for the transfer, (b) a writing sample, and (c) a letter from a School of Letters professor supporting the transfer. The writing sample for transferring into the Master of Arts program should be a piece of literary criticism; the writing sample for transferring into the Master of Fine Arts program should be a piece of creative writing in what the applicant expects to be their major genre. Similarly the letter supporting a transfer into the Master of Arts program should be from a literature professor; the letter supporting a transfer into the Master of Fine Arts program should come from a creative writing professor in the applicant's major genre. The Director, in consultation with the faculty, will decide if the transfer is advisable. The sooner in a student's career the transfer is made, the more likely it can be accomplished without the need to register for extra courses.