Master of Arts (MA) in Communication

Thesis or internship option: At least 30 semester hours of approved study, at least 21 of which must be taken in courses offered by the department.

Non-thesis, non-internship option: At least 36 semester hours of approved study, 27 of which must be taken in courses offered by the department.

All students: Begin program with core courses (15 hours) then take specialty courses.

Program Website
http://www.umsl.edu/~comm/M.A.%20in%20Communication/index.html

Entrance Requirements
1. Application
   http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/future/how-to-apply.html

2. Three Letters of Recommendation
   At least two must specifically address the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies in communication; letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it, such as previous instructors, professors, etc.

3. Transcripts from all universities attended are required.

   Successful applicants must have a baccalaureate in Communication or a related discipline by the end of the semester in which they apply. Applicants from other countries are encouraged to provide a course by course report from one of three professional evaluation organizations in the United States – World Education Services (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). Applications that include transcripts certified by one of these organizations take less time to process, which normally shortens the length of time it takes for an admission decision to be made. Applications that include official transcripts that have not been certified will be considered. However, it takes longer for these applications to be processed. Further information about submitting international transcripts is available through International Student and Scholar Services.

4. Entrance examinations
   a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is not required but may add value to the application (see http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html).
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission. International students must score at least 600 on the TOEFL exam (computer-based scoring is 233) to be considered for admission.

5. Grade Point Average
   Minimum of 3.25 on 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline
For fall admission, July 1 for domestic students; for winter/spring admission, December 1 for domestic students. Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application fee
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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