



The **Master of Arts** in

Communication

No matter the field, skilled communication is key.

Whether you have recently finished your undergraduate degree or you've been in the workforce for a while, a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Missouri–St. Louis can take you far. The degree program prepares graduates for jobs in corporate communication, journalism, mass media, politics, plus a wide range of other fields. Students who are already employed can use the skills they acquire in the program to advance in their current careers. It can also prepare graduates for doctoral studies and a career in higher education.

Master of Arts in Communication

The MA in Communication is a flexible degree program with a social-behavioral science approach that is applicable to any industry, and is versatile enough to open the door to many different job opportunities. What's more, UMSL has a diverse faculty and student body, meaning that the nuances of communication can be more greatly explored on our campus. These benefits and more make our MA in Communication perfect for students who want to be able to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire in a rich diversity of ways.

All students must complete a 15-credit-hour core which includes two required courses focusing on fundamental theories and basic research methods. Students must also select at least three of four "application" courses addressing communication processes within a particular context, including strategic communication in organizations, interpersonal communication, mass communication and health communication. Additional credit hours consist of graduate-level electives reflective of a student's interests or area of specialization. To meet degree requirements with 30-credit hours, students complete a thesis or internship. In lieu of one of these exit projects, a total of 36-credit hours is required.

2+3 BA/MA Dual Degree Program

UMSL's Master of Arts in Communication is also offered in a unique 2+3 dual degree program format. This provides a path for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in communication with fewer credit hours and lower tuition costs than earning each degree independently. Students who complete this program are awarded both a BA and an MA, enabling them to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in Communication at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

MA in Communication graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. That's because they have spent their time at UMSL engaging in creative and critical thinking, learning to analyze evidence, appreciating patterns of complexity and reflecting on important issues that impact our daily lives. Our students gain skill sets that prepare them for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Arts in Communication is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in hybrid formats. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at comm.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with strong communication skills, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for communication.

Career Opportunities

Advertising/Marketing Account Manager
Corporate Communications Manager
Human Resources Manager
Learning and Development Analyst
Marketing Communications Manager
Media Communications Manager
Media or Event Planner
Political Campaign Manager
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