Master of Arts (MA)  
Communication

Degree Program
**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/comm-ma/index.html](http://www.umsl.edu/~comm/comm-ma/index.html)

Entrance Requirements
1. **Application**
   a. [http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now](http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now)
2. **Three Letters of Recommendation**
   a. Letters of Recommendation are **only required for students who do not meet the GPA requirements** of 3.25 on 4.0 scale.
   b. 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.**
   a. Successful applicants must have a baccalaureate in Communication or a related discipline by the end of the semester in which they apply.
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](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 100 on the iBT TOEFL exam (600pBT or 233cBT) to be considered for admission.
5. **Grade Point Average**
   a. Minimum of 3.25 on 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline (for domestic students)
**Fall Semester:** July 1  
**Spring Semester:** December 1  
**Summer:** May 1

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 Deadline (for international applicants)
**Fall semester:** May 1  
**Spring Semester:** October 1

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

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