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

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:* June 1  *Spring Semester:* October 1

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

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