

## 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.umsi.edu/~comm/comm-ma/index.html>

### Entrance Requirements

1. Application
  - a. <http://umsi.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>).
  - 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

### Graduate Program Director

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