MA in Communication

Admission Contact Information
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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: January 15
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT)
  - Paper-based test (PBT)
  61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have
  600 a score of 80
- Minimum GRE scores:
  - When did you take the GRE?
    - Prior to August 1, 2011
      - Verbal: 500
      - Quantitative: 500
      - Analytical: 4.0
    - On or After August 1, 2011
      - Verbal: 153
      - Quantitative: 144
      - Analytical: 4.0

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in communication may be required to take course work beyond the required 30 hours to provide necessary background.

Required Application Materials
To the Office of Graduate Studies:
- All required Graduate Admissions documents
To the Communication Program (http://communication.missouri.edu/?q=grad/admissions)
  - Departmental application
  - 3 letters of recommendation
  - Example of scholarly writing (no more than 25 pages)
  - Transcripts
  - Statement of purpose (no more than 500 words) explaining the student’s intended field of study, professional goals and other reasons for wishing to enter the graduate program
  - GRE scores
  - Résumé

Financial Aid from the Program
Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

Plan of Study
Not more than 6 semester hours of the required 30 hours of credit may be transferred from another university or campus of the University of Missouri System. There is no language requirement. For the assignment of advisors, students should see the director of graduate studies.

Thesis and Non-thesis Options
The master of arts degree may be completed under either a thesis option, approved by an advisory committee, or a non-thesis option (with a comprehensive examination and project). Both plans require a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit, including at least 15 hours of course work at the 8000/9000 level. MA candidates may take up to 6 hours of credit for their MA project for the non-thesis option. MA candidates take a minimum of 6 hours in 9090 Thesis Research for the thesis option.

Credit Hours for Production
No more than 9 hours of course work or independent study in television production or scriptwriting will be accepted for the MA degree. Students may opt to take more production hours but they may not be included in the candidate’s plan of study.

Length of Study
The MA must be completed in 8 years.