

MASS COMMUNICATIONS, PHD

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The Mass Communications PhD (Life Science Communications) is accepting applications for fall 2025. The program is suspended, to be discontinued, with a new revitalized PhD program in Science Communication proposed with an anticipated start of fall 2025.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication will continue to offer a Mass Communications PhD which remains active and admissions are open.

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.*
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

* See details at the Mass Communications PhD admissions webpage (<https://masscommphd.wisc.edu/application/>).

Applicants for this program are expected to have demonstrated an interest and background in communication research by having earned a thesis-based MA or MS degree in communication or other relevant disciplines.

The admissions committee, however, may accept other evidence of suitable preparation.

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements for admission set by the Graduate School. Applicants must submit an online application, GRE scores, a statement of purpose, official transcripts from all previously attended institutions, a CV, and three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should come from people who can speak to the scholarly abilities of the applicant. International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>). Test scores must be furnished to the school before the application is considered complete.

For more information, visit the Mass Communications PhD website (<https://masscommphd.wisc.edu/>).