

LIFE SCIENCES COMMUNICATION, M.S.

The Department of Life Sciences Communication is a world leader in science communication research, education and practice. We offer a master's degree with the opportunity to pursue either a research/thesis track or professional course-based track.

Both tracks require a minimum of 30 credits. Study programs match the interests and needs of individual students. However, all students must take a communication theory course, a research methodology course, a graduate-level statistics course, and LSC 700 Colloquium in Life Sciences Communication. The thesis track requires a thesis based on original research.

The professional track is a course-based program that is designed to prepare students for professional careers in life sciences communication and related fields. Students in this track will not usually pursue a Ph.D. program in the future. In fact, many doctoral programs (including Life Sciences Communication) do not accept a non-thesis master's as a criterion for admission to their Ph.D. program.

Teaching and research in the department focus on science communication in the areas of emerging technologies, bioenergy, environment, agriculture, health, and food.

The M.S. in Life Sciences Communication graduate program provides advanced professional training in communication and preparation for communication research and teaching. Students in the professional track M.S. program are studying for careers in fields such as consulting, policy, journalism, strategic communication, marketing and market research, particularly in science-related fields.

For more information on the types of research our faculty and students are doing, where our M.S. alumni are now, and additional details about the program, please visit the Life Sciences Communication website (<http://lsc.wisc.edu/>).