

Communication, MA

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Are you ready for the next step in your career? Do you want to improve your leadership abilities? Effective communication is the skill most highly valued by employers. By continually working to improve your communication skills, you can build stronger relationships, advance your career and achieve your personal goals.

Program description

Degree awarded: MA Communication

The MA program in communication provides advanced training in communication skills and competencies for working professionals, preparing them for success in their careers and a dynamic job market.

The flexible nature of this online program benefits those with busy schedules. The faculty at ASU's Hugh Downs School of Human Communication are highly experienced in developing and delivering quality online coursework that prepares students for success in their careers.

Students gain necessary skills required in today's workplace, including conflict transformation, cross-cultural communication, and other essential leadership qualities.

The program concludes with a capstone course in which students work with an organization and create a training and development project to solve a communication problem within the organization. The final project can be implemented by the organization or shown to future potential employers.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Online](#)

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

Business (Communication), BA

Communication, BA

Communication, BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (COM 550)

Required Core (12 credit hours)

COM 501 Research Methods in Communication (3)

COM 504 Theories and Models in Communication (3)

COM 530 Training and Development (3)

COM 540 Conducting Communication Research (3)

Electives (15 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

COM 550 Capstone (3)

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in communication or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of [English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring

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Summer

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Career opportunities

This program is designed for individuals looking to change career trajectories or get ahead in their current professions. Graduates with a master's degree in communication can expect to find work in:

- fundraising
- government
- health care
- human resources
- management
- marketing
- nonprofits
- public relations
- sales
- teaching

Contact information

