Communication, MA

Are you ready for the next step in your career? Do you want to improve your communication and leadership skills? In this program, learn how to manage conflict, persuade others, and articulate complex ideas clearly. Effective communication is the skill most associated with professional and personal success.

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. Classes provide the tools needed in today's workplace, including social influence, conflict transformation, communicating in global contexts, and other leadership skills.

The program concludes with a capstone course in which students work with an organization and create a communication training and development project that can be implemented upon completion 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 applicants must have 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 college, 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
Spring

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 the following:

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

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