

# JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION: PROFESSIONAL, MA

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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	April 15
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

New students are admitted to the School of Journalism and Mass Communication for the fall semester. A committee of faculty members reviews each application. Among the indicators considered for admission are:

- Quality of an applicant's academic record
- Preparation to pursue an advanced degree
- Clearly defined goals and rationale for graduate education in the field

Applicants must submit the following to the online application:

1. Statement of Purpose (750 words maximum) regarding your educational and career goals and your reasons for selecting this graduate program. Discuss those factors – personal, professional, academic – that have prepared you to pursue a graduate degree. All Professional MA applicants should indicate in some detail what kind of specialty they will seek and why.

2. Supplemental application questions:
  - a. How have your background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational, or other opportunities or challenges motivated your decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin?
3. Unofficial transcripts of prior undergraduate and graduate course completion.
4. Resume.
5. Writing sample in PDF format (25 page maximum). No CDs, DVDs or other material will be accepted or considered. Writing samples could include news stories, blog posts, white papers, reports or portions of an academic paper. Professionally published samples are preferred but not required. Writing samples must be uploaded to the Supplemental Section of the online application.
6. Three letters of recommendation, coming primarily from faculty members who can evaluate your previous academic performance and provide an assessment of your likelihood of success in graduate school. One of the letters may come from an employer or internship supervisor. Letters should come from individuals who have worked directly with you and who are in a position to objectively evaluate your abilities and work productivity.