

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION: RESEARCH, 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	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	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

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
- Compatibility of goals with faculty specializations and areas of expertise

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.

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?
 - b. Select your top two areas of research interest and up to three faculty members with whom you'd like to work.
3. Unofficial transcripts of prior undergraduate and graduate course completion.
4. Resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
5. Writing sample in PDF format (25 page maximum). The writing sample could include a peer-reviewed article, a conference paper, a seminar paper, a senior or master's thesis, or an article published in the popular press related to your research area of interest. It can be a portion of a paper. Professionally published samples are preferred but not required. Writing samples must be uploaded to 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.