Communication

Departments
The School of Communication offers:

- the Master of Arts in the Department of Communication Studies (M.A. in Communication Studies), and
- the Master of Arts in the Department of Journalism and Media Management (M.A. in Journalism), and
- the Master of Arts in the Department of Strategic Communication (M.A. in Public Relations), and
- the Master of Science in the Department of Journalism and Media Management (M.S. in Media Management), and
- the Master of Fine Arts in the Department of Cinematic Arts (M.F.A. in Motion Pictures), and
- the Master of Fine Arts in the Department of Interactive Media (M.F.A. in Interactive Media), and
- the Graduate Certificate in Media Management in the Department of Journalism and Media Management (GCMM).

The School also offers a Ph.D. in Communication.

Admission Requirements

Admission to Graduate Studies at the Master’s Level
The following is a list of the required conditions as well as the required documents/fees for your application for admission to the Master of Arts, Master of Science, or Master of Fine Arts degree in the School of Communication:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- The School's official application
- An $85.00 non-refundable application fee
- Three letters of recommendation
- 500-word typed statement of academic and professional goals
  - Note: for the Interactive Media M.F.A., please visit [this web site](http://com.miami.edu/interactive-media-mfa/) for specific instructions about the statement.
- Official transcripts of all college work, both undergraduate and graduate
  - Note: In addition, international applicants must send an official copy of their diploma for all degrees earned, and all documentation that confers their degree, with English translation for all degrees earned.
  - Note: All transcripts must be the original document, forwarded directly from the university; Xerox copies, true copies, notarized copies and other types of copies are not acceptable.
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores
  - Note: Only for international applicants.
- Copy of current passport
  - Note: Only for international applicants. The name entered on the graduate application must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport.
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
  - Note: Required for M.A. applicants in Communication Studies.
  - Note: Public Relations M.A. the GRE is not required but encouraged.
  - Note: Journalism M.A. and Interactive Media M.F.A. applicants may send GRE scores or a portfolio.
  - Note: Media Management M.S. applicants may send the official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores. Those applicants with at least three years of full-time relevant professional media or business work experience (by the time they apply) may be eligible for a waiver. Eligibility for a waiver depends on the quality and type of professional experience and remains at the discretion of the Department of Journalism and Media Management Chairperson.
- Portfolio
  - Note: Required for Motion Pictures M.F.A. applicants.

Contact the Office of Graduate Studies, call 305-284-5236 or email (socgrad@miami.edu), for information.

Admission to Graduate Studies at the Doctoral Level
The following is a list of the required conditions as well as the required documents/fees for your application for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Communication program:

- A master's degree in communication or another appropriate field. The degree must be in addition to a bachelor's degree. All degrees must be from accredited institutions.
• The School's official application
• An $85.00 non-refundable application fee
• Three letters of recommendation
• Official transcripts of all college work, both undergraduate and graduate
  • Note: In addition, international applicants must send an official copy of their diploma for all degrees earned, and all documentation that
    confers their degree, with English translation for all degrees earned.
  • Note: All transcripts must be the original document, forwarded directly from the university; Xerox copies, true copies, notarized copies and
    other types of copies are not acceptable.
• Official TOEFL or IELTS scores
  • Note: Only for international applicants.
• Copy of current passport
  • Note: Only for international applicants. The name entered on the graduate application must exactly match your name as it appears on your
    passport.
• Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
• Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
• 500-word typed statement of your academic and professional goals, research area you want to pursue and why, and how your background has
  prepared you for this. A copy of the completed master’s thesis if it has been completed. If the master’s thesis is in progress, submit completed
  chapters. If a thesis is not required by your master’s program, submit comparable scholarly work.

Admission to Graduate Studies for the Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Communication and Juris Doctor/Master of
Science in Media Management Joint Degree
Requirements for admission to graduate studies for the Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Communication or the Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Media
Management joint degree are:
• Students must be admitted to the Law School first, prior to enrollment in the School of Communication, checking a box on their application
  indicating their interest in the joint degree program. Once accepted to the Law School, the student’s law school application including LSAT score,
  undergraduate transcript, and letters of recommendation (two of them required for the J.D. program) will be sent to the School of Communication
  for review. The student will then receive notification from the School of Communication regarding his/her admission to the joint degree program.
• The LSAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE score.

General notes
• Students will be admitted to the Law School J.D. program and the School of Communication (SoC) master’s program separately.
• Students in this joint degree program must commence law study first.
• Students who have already commenced work on the SoC M.A. are not eligible for the joint program.

Admission to Graduate Studies for the Certificate in Media Management
Requirements for admission to graduate studies for the Certificate in Media Management are:
• A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
• The School of Communication's official application
• An $85.00 non-refundable application fee
• One letter of recommendation
• Official transcripts of all college work, both undergraduate and graduate
• Resume

Degree Programs
The School of Communication offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Fine Arts, and the Doctor of
Philosophy degrees.

Communication Studies (M.A.)
COMMUNICATION STUDIES (M.A.) is a program designed to provide students with a rigorous educational experience, to develop an advanced
understanding of the human communication process, to increase awareness of the interdisciplinary nature of the communication field, and to develop
oral, written, critical thinking, and research skills. The 30 credit hour thesis track program emphasizes the student’s development of research skills.
The 36 credit hour non-thesis track program focuses on a theoretical foundation with emphasis on applied communication. Students have the option
to concentrate in Communication Studies, Health Communication, Intercultural Communication, or Organizational Communication.
new communication technology companies, or serve with government agencies concerned with communication law or with law firms practicing in that media management or strategic communication with a law-related emphasis. Graduates of these programs may also work as in-house counsel for

intended for students with a variety of goals including students who plan to practice professionally in a communication field such as journalism,

acquire a law degree and a master's degree in communication or in media management in less time (3 to 3½ years). The joint degree program is brought together these two dynamic fields to offer a joint degree program with various specializations. Through this joint program, students can

a career in law, business, entertainment or government. For this reason, the University of Miami School of Law and School of Communication have

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required. A powerful background in law and in communication can be a launching pad for
career in law, business, entertainment or government. For this reason, the University of Miami School of Law and School of Communication have brought together these two dynamic fields to offer a joint degree program with various specializations. Through this joint program, students can acquire a law degree and a master's degree in communication or in media management in less time (3 to 3½ years). The joint degree program is intended for students with a variety of goals including students who plan to practice professionally in a communication field such as journalism, media management or strategic communication with a law-related emphasis. Graduates of these programs may also work as in-house counsel for new communication technology companies, or serve with government agencies concerned with communication law or with law firms practicing in that

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field. This program also provides a solid foundation for future journalists who wish to report on legal affairs, and offers ideal preparation for the rapidly growing field of public affairs management, in which practitioners work in business, government and non-profits to communicate with key audiences.

The School of Communication M.A. and M.S. degree programs participating in the joint J.D. program are:

• M.A. in Communication Studies (Communication Studies, Health Communication, Intercultural Communication, Organizational Communication)
• M.A. in Public Relations
• M.A. in Journalism
• M.S. in Media Management

Graduate Certificate Programs
The School of Communication offers a Certificate Program in Media Management.

Media Management (GCMM)
Media Management (GCMM) The Graduate Certificate in Media Management will help professionals discover key aspects of media management and content strategy or advance their existing knowledge of the business side of the media industry. The certificate will cover current topics of media technology, economics, programming, distribution, and policy. Students will gain strategic and analytical skills through media case studies and applications. Certificate credits can apply towards the Master of Science in Media Management.