

College of Communication

Graduate Application for Admission

The College of Communication offers graduate programs of study leading to the Master of Science (MS) and the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degrees in the following major areas:

Department of Film and Television

- A. MFA Film
 - Film Production Program
 - Screenwriting Program
 - Film Studies Program
- B. MS Television Production
- C. MS Television Management
- D. MBA/MS Television Management Program

Department of Journalism

- A. MS Broadcast Journalism
- B. MS Business and Economics Journalism
- C. MS Journalism
 - Print/Magazine/News/Editorial/Online
 - Photojournalism
- D. MS Science Journalism Program

Department of Mass Communication, Advertising and Public Relations

- A. MS Advertising
 - Creative Track
 - Thesis Track
 - Management Track
- B. MS Mass Communication
 - Communication Studies
 - Applied Communication Research
- C. MS Public Relations
- D. JD/MS Mass Communication Program and the Law Degree Program with the School of Law

The graduate degree programs are open to qualified men and women who have earned a bachelor's degree from a fully accredited college or university in the United States or abroad. Applicants are not required to have experience in communications industries or in the academic areas of the department concerned. Students from the fields of humanities, sciences, and social sciences are generally preferred.

The Admissions Committee, composed of representatives of the faculty, evaluates the completed application and makes decisions regarding admission to the program. Emphasis is placed on the applicant's demonstrated scholastic ability, writing samples, supporting credentials, intellectual capacity for graduate study in communications, and career potential in the communications field. All programs are described fully in the College of Communication bulletin which can be obtained online at www.bu.edu/com/grad.

Students may only apply to one program within the College of Communication.

Admissions Timetable

All application materials **must be received** at the Graduate Admissions Office of the College of Communication **no later than February 1**. All admission material (excluding the online application) should arrive in a **single packet**. Admission decisions are mailed beginning in late March/early April.

Application Requirements

A completed application (**online application is strongly preferred, please submit the paper application if you have NO access to the online application**), *due February 1*, will include the following:

1. A completed Application for Admission Form.
2. An online application fee of \$70 (credit cards/e-checks). The application fee is an application processing fee, not an application consideration fee. **It is non-refundable.**
3. Official transcript(s) of applicant's academic record from each of the colleges/universities and graduate schools (if any) attended. College seniors should have transcript(s) sent as soon as grades for the first term of the senior year are available. A final transcript will be required of seniors, after they have been admitted to the College, in order to certify completion of undergraduate degree requirements. Transcripts are required from each college/university attended, whether or not the student was enrolled in a degree program.
4. Three letters of recommendation written by persons who know the applicant well, preferably professors and/or employers. Letters must come from the recommender in signed and sealed envelopes.
5. Official test results. Your application will not be considered complete without official test scores. Test scores must be received by February 1. Applicants should take their required tests by January 1 to ensure their on-time arrival. Please read more about required tests in the Instruction for Applicants section.
6. Writing samples (see "Writing Samples" in the Instruction section of Application for the specific samples that the applicant must submit). **Do not combine essays and only submit the essays/assignments required for your particular program.**