

MASS COMMUNICATIONS, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum
Credit
Requirement

65 credits

Minimum
Residence
Credit
Requirement

32 credits

Minimum
Graduate
Coursework
Requirement

33 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>).

Overall
Graduate
GPA
Requirement

3.50 GPA required.

Other Grade
Requirements

Courses in which the student earns a grade below B do not count toward the 65 credit minimum, but they do count in the cumulative GPA.

Assessments
and
Examinations

Doctoral students must pass preliminary exams once coursework is completed.

Language
Requirements

No language requirements.

Graduate
School
Breadth
Requirement

Breadth is provided via interdisciplinary training (doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate requirement waived).

REQUIRED COURSES

65 credits minimum in theory and methods/statistics courses, selected in consultation with the faculty advisor and approved by the Graduate Committee of the student's home department. Attendance of both seminars in the joint seminar sequence (JOURN 901 Colloquium in Mass Communication and LSC 700 Colloquium in Life Sciences Communication) is strongly recommended for new graduate students.

Additional requirements are detailed in the Academic Policies and Procedures Handbook for Graduate Work (<https://journalism.wisc.edu/wp-content/blogs.dir/41/files/2017/11/JOINT-Handbook-updated-10-17.pdf>) in the joint PhD program in mass communications.