

# MASS COMMUNICATIONS, PH.D.

## 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	At least 50% of the required coursework (33 of 65 credits) must be in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide ( <a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide</a> ( <a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a> )).

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.
Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements	Breadth is provided via interdisciplinary training (minor 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 Ph.D. program in mass communications.