

HEALTH COMMUNICATION, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Health Communication (on campus & online)

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department website: <http://communication.illinois.edu>

college website: <https://las.illinois.edu/>

overview of graduate college admissions & requirements: Graduate Admissions (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

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The Department of Communication offers an online Master of Science degree (M.S.) in Health Communication. This program is not offered in a face to face format. Apply to the Master of Science program only; applications to the online Master of Arts in Communication are not being accepted. More information about the online program is available at www.hcom.illinois.edu (<http://www.hcom.illinois.edu/>).

Graduate Degree Programs in Communication

Communication, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/communication-ma/>)

concentration:

Medieval Studies (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/>)

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concentration:

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Communication, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/communication-phd/>)

concentration:

Medieval Studies (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/>)|Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/>)|Writing Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/>)

The Department of Communication offers a broad curriculum in communication research. In consultation with an advisor, students assemble individualized programs, concentrating in organizational and group communication, interpersonal and family communication, health communication, communication technology, political communication, rhetoric and public discourse, communication in cultural contexts, or mediated communication. Interdisciplinary programs are also encouraged.

Admission

An application must include official transcripts from every post-secondary institution the applicant has attended; scores on the general aptitude parts of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); at least three letters of recommendation, preferably from academic recommenders; a major paper or essay as a sample of academic writing; and a statement of purpose. Students whose native language is not English must present their official scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination as part of their applications. The department follows the Graduate College's recommendations for English proficiency. Detailed information about admissions and financial aid can be found on the department's Web site (<https://communication.illinois.edu/admissions/apply-graduate-program/>). Ordinarily, students are admitted to begin graduate study in the fall semester.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is usually offered in the form of part-time teaching assistantships; some fellowships and research assistantships are available.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Programs (<http://www.communication.illinois.edu/prospective/grad/degrees/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

This degree program can be completed either on campus or online, the requirements are listed below:

Code	Title	Hours
	Health Communication Research Methods I and II; Capstone Individual Study	8
	Elective hours (24 min)	24
	Independent Study Hours (4 max applied toward degree)	4
Total Hours		32

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:	28
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12 (8 in CMN)
Minimum GPA:	2.75