

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

GRADUATE STUDIES

M.A. IN COMMUNICATION

Online Application Information

Applications are due **February 15th**

Begin an application today: graduatecollege.boisestate.edu/howtoapply

1. Create an online account to begin the application process.
2. Apply to the Graduate College at Boise State University.
3. Apply to the MA in Communication Program by submitting the following materials:

A **statement of purpose** describing your background, academic interests, academic or professional goals, and how the program will help fulfill these interests and achieve these goals. Your statement should also describe the reasons you wish to pursue an M.A. in Communication, your qualifications, and why you think your academic interests align with our graduate program in communication. Please keep your statement to 2-3 double-spaced pages in length.

An **original scholarly paper**. This writing sample should demonstrate your abilities as a writer and general topics of interest. There is no maximum page limit, but the program would like to see a paper with a minimum of 8 pages. Please select a paper that includes an analytical thesis argument and employs evidence (theoretical or empirical) to support that argument.

A list of completed **communication theory courses** and **research methods courses**. Communication theory courses and research methods courses offer useful preparation for graduate study and research in communication.

Three letters of recommendation (preferably at least two from academic references) that assess your qualifications and likelihood for success in a graduate course of study. The program recommends requesting letters from professors (or professionals with a graduate degree) who can attest to your critical thinking, analytical and problem solving abilities, and potential to succeed in our graduate program in communication.

A report of **GRE** (Graduate Record Examination) General Test scores. The institution code for Boise State University is 4018. For more information about the GRE or to request your scores to be sent to Boise State University, please go to WWW.ETS.ORG/GRE. GRE scores are not required for undergraduate communication majors with an overall 3.3/4.0 GPA or higher.

If you are interested in being considered for a Graduate Assistantship opportunity, you must provide an additional **graduate assistantship statement of purpose** describing reasons for applying for a Graduate Assistantship, past experiences helping to prepare for an assistantship, and goals as they pertain to an assistantship position. We also recommend applicants ask those writing letters of recommendation to include an assessment of your abilities related to serving as a Graduate Assistant. Please keep your statement to 1-2 double-spaced pages in length.

