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 why you wish to pursue an M.A. in Communication at Boise State University. This statement should (a) provide a brief background of your academic interest and curiosities, (b) discuss any significant research or other projects, general academic goals, and areas of interest for future study, (c) describe your longer-term academic and/or professional goals and how graduate study of Communication will help you achieve these goals, and (d) explain your possible areas of interest when studying communication in the graduate program. In particular, our program offers three inter-related areas of study (Relational and Organizational Studies, Critical/Cultural Studies, and Media Studies) please describe your primary and secondary areas of interest in our program and how pursuing both might be exciting, advance your thinking, and/or contribute to the pursuit of your overall academic or professional goals. Please keep your statement to a maximum of three double-spaced pages.

A curriculum vita (CV) or resume that includes your name and contact information as well as a summary overview of your educational background, research projects, employment experiences, leadership positions, volunteer work, travel, and/or other activities relevant to your background and interest in pursuing graduate education. Please keep your CV or Resume to one or two pages.

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. Theory and research methods courses offer useful preparation for graduate study of 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. We recommend requesting letters from individuals 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, please complete a graduate assistantship statement of purpose describing your interest in receiving a graduate assistantship. Please discuss what you hope to learn as a graduate assistant, and how a graduate assistantship might help you achieve your overall goals for graduate study. Additionally, please describe your relevant background experiences that have prepared for your succeeding as a graduate assistant. Please keep your response to a maximum of two double-spaced pages.