Reasons to Choose Our Program...

- Western Michigan University’s Communication (M.A) program provides advanced training to help meet students’ personal, educational, and professional needs in the evolving field of communication.

- The program offers a strong foundation in both theory and practical application, and serves future academicians as well as communication professionals desiring advancement in their field.

- Courses are led by our nationally recognized graduate faculty, who have expertise in diverse areas of communication.

- Graduate students and faculty have collaborated through cutting-edge research partnerships with community, regional, and state partners.

- Students can choose an individualized capstone that involves an exam, research, or an applied project.

- Full-time students can apply for funding opportunities, such as graduate assistantships or fellowships.

- High-achieving WMU undergraduates can apply to our Accelerated Graduate Degree Program, which allows students to take up to 12 credits of graduate courses during their senior year.
Communication (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas

Key areas of focus for our master's program include Interpersonal, Organizational, and Mass Communication.

The program consists of 30 credit hours, which includes a capstone experience (thesis, professional project, or comprehensive exam), and a wide range of opportunities for independent study and/or field experience with our dynamic faculty mentors.

Recent grads have found employment as consultants, recruiters, public relations professionals, university administrators, and in human resource and managerial positions. Others have pursued academic careers as students in top-ranked Ph.D. programs or as community college instructors.

Admissions

Applications are accepted for September and January admission on a rolling basis until all available slots are filled. The early deadline for September admission is February 1st. The School of Communication recommends that students seeking a graduate assistantship submit their applications by February 1st.

The GRE (Graduate Record Exam) is required for students applying for graduate assistantships. It is optional for all other applicants.

For more information about the application process, please visit: https://wmich.edu/apply/graduate.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships

Graduate assistantships in the School of Communication are competitive. We typically have 10 graduate assistants at any given time. During each application period, we may have 4-7 new assistantships available, depending on the number of graduate assistants from the current year who plan on returning the following year.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 30 doctoral and 70 master's degrees. More than 20 percent of its 24,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.