ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION

This application form is to be used by students who entered UMASS before Fall 2011

Thank you for your interest in the Communication major. Admission to the Communication major is by application only unless admitted directly to the major by the UMass Admissions Office.

BEFORE YOU APPLY:

In order to apply, you must have completed, or be enrolled in, the following 3 courses:

1. Communication 118: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
2. Communication 121: Introduction to Media and Culture
3. One (1) Analytical Reasoning (R2) course

Transfer students must satisfy the same requirement: these three courses or their equivalents.

You may submit your application at any time during the semester in which you will complete this 3-course requirement. After grades for that semester are issued, the Department will review your application. You will be notified of our decision by email within two weeks after your grades are posted.

Evaluation of your application will be based primarily on your:

- Performance in Communication courses
- Overall academic record
- Application essay(s)

Generally, students with GPA’s above 2.9 in UMass Communication classes and above 2.7 overall GPA’s will be admitted. Applications with GPA’s below those thresholds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students will not be admitted if they have any Communication course grade below C- or if they are on academic warning or probation.

STUDENTS ARE URGED TO APPLY TO THE MAJOR BY THE END OF THE SOPHOMORE YEAR. DELAYING ENTRY TO THE MAJOR MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SEMESTERS TO COMPLETE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNICATION MAJOR**

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1. Are you a transfer student? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐  
   2. Semester and Year you entered UMass (e.g., Fall 2009):

   If yes, please provide the following information:
   - Total credits completed at UMass:
   - Previous college:
   - Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in UMass Classes*:
   - Number of credits transferred:
   - Grade Point Average in UMass Communication classes:
   - Number of semesters completed at other institutions:
   - Have you previously applied to the major (if yes, when):

*If you are a transfer student, your grade point average is calculated using only courses taken at UMass.

Although the Communication major does not require a concentration within the major, we ask you to list a first and a second area of interest. If you need more information regarding these areas of emphasis, please refer to the Communication undergraduate webpage ([www.umass.edu/communication](http://www.umass.edu/communication)).

**MEDIA & SOCIETY**
- Media Institutions, Policy, & Technologies [M&S/MIP&T]
- Media Effects [M&S/ME]
- Critical Cultural Studies [M&S/CCS]
- Film Studies [M&S/FS]

**INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC**
- Interpersonal Communication [IC&R/IC]
- (Inter)Cultural Communication [IC&R/ICC]
- Rhetoric & Performance [IC&R/R&P]
ACADEMIC HISTORY:

The following courses are required to apply to the Communication major. Please complete the information below:

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ANALYTICAL REASONING COURSE (R2):

Please list below any other Communication courses you have already taken (or are taking this semester) including courses taken at other institutions below (do not include COMM 118, COMM 121 or the Analytical Reasoning courses):

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IMPORTANT NOTE: The Department of Communication is part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS). All Communication majors must complete a 5-course Global Education requirement. Be sure to consult with an advisor in the Global Education Advising Office, 128 Thompson, to declare a Global Education Option as soon as you are accepted into the major. For more information, please refer to [www.umass.edu/sbs](http://www.umass.edu/sbs).

FOR COMMUNICATION OFFICE USE ONLY:

[ ] ACCEPT [ ] DENY [ ] HOLD [ ] INCOMPLETE

Emailed student:

Major changed:

Advisor/On SPIRE:

Area of Emphasis:

____________________________________________________  ______________

Director of Undergraduate Studies or Chief Undergraduate Advisor's Signature  Date
PERMISSION TO ADD THE MAJOR “COMMUNICATION”

Complete this form only if you are submitting a “pending” application, which will be evaluated after grades are posted on SPIRE at the end of the semester. If you are accepted into the Communication major during the Fall or Spring Semester, you will receive instructions on how to complete the change of major yourself. SPIRE will not recognize you as a Communication major until this paperwork is complete.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION BELOW (Please print legibly):

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Please check one:

- Please change my major of “Undeclared,” which is my PRIMARY major to “COMMUNICATION.”
- Please change my major of “______________________________,” which is my PRIMARY major to “COMMUNICATION.” [e.g., PSYCH, ENGLISH, THEATER, etc]
- Please add “COMMUNICATION” as a SECONDARY major.

Honors, if any (please circle): CC=Commonwealth College CD=Departmental Honors CI=Interdisciplinary Honors

If I am accepted into the Department of Communication by written application, I give the Department of Communication at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst permission to change my major to “Communication” or to add “Communication” as a secondary major.

Student’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Home Address: ___________________________ Home Telephone: ___________________________

E-Mail: ___________________________