

## 2016-2017 Admission Requirements

### M.A. in Media and Public Communication

Following are the simple steps to apply for graduate study in Media and Public Communication at the University of Denver. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies.

#### Apply Online / Application Deadlines

- Applications for graduate study at the University of Denver must be submitted online. [Apply online.](#)
- All online materials must be received, and all supplemental materials, including transcripts, must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies by the program's priority deadline: January 1, for international students seeking fall quarter admission and, February 15 for domestic students seeking fall quarter admission. Applications are accepted after the priority deadlines if space is available. Occasionally, students may be considered for admission to the winter or spring quarters.
- A \$65 non-refundable application fee is required for an application to be processed. Application fee waivers are available for McNair Scholars.

#### Course and Degree Prerequisites and Requirements

- Applicants must earn and submit proof of earning the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to beginning graduate coursework at DU.
- An undergraduate degree in communications is not required for admission to the Media and Public Communication program.

#### Transcripts

- Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from each post-secondary institution they have attended, or are presently attending, where two quarter hours (or one semester hour) or more were completed including study abroad and college coursework completed in high school.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all transcripts. Applicants who have earned a degree outside the U.S. must submit transcripts accompanied by certified English translations, if not normally issued in English. DU students and alumni do not need to provide DU transcripts.
- Official study abroad transcripts are required unless the course titles, grades and

credit earned abroad appear on another transcript. Transcripts from outside of the U.S. are evaluated by the Office of International Student Admission. This process can take three to four weeks and must be completed by the program's stated deadline. Therefore, applicants with a degree from outside of the U.S. are encouraged to apply early. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance regarding transcript-related materials.

- The University of Denver will consider electronic transcripts official from a domestic institution provided by the following approved agencies: Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS); Docufide/Parchment; National Student Clearinghouse; Naviance; Royall and Company; and, Scrip-Safe.
- Paper transcripts should be sent to the following address:  
University of Denver  
Office of Graduate Studies  
Mary Reed Building, Room 5  
2199 S. University Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80208-4802

Electronic transcripts should be sent to [gradinfo@du.edu](mailto:gradinfo@du.edu).

### **Language Proficiency**

- Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL or IELTS score is received. The TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the Media and Public Communication program is 105 (iBT) or 620 (paper-based). The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. The minimum IELTS score accepted is 7.5. Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL speaking section or 8.0 on the IELTS speaking section. Please see the Graduate Policy Manual for complete English language proficiency requirements.
- Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a baccalaureate degree from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement and the English Language Proficiency Assessment requirement but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations.

- Students whose native language is not English and who are required to submit [TOEFL/IELTS](#) scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC) prior to matriculation.

### **Test Scores**

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required and scores generally must be at or above the 50th percentile to be competitive for admission to the program. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the program's stated deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

### **Personal Statement**

- A personal statement is required.
- Applicants are encouraged to address these three areas in their statement:
  - Their future career goals.
  - How these goals intersect with the Media and Public Communication degree they are seeking from the University of Denver.
  - Other information relevant to their pursuit of an advanced degree.

### **Recommendation Letters**

- Three letters of recommendation are required and at least one should be academic in nature. Letters should be solicited and uploaded by recommenders through the online application system. Requests for letters should be sent to recommenders well in advance so the letters are on file by the application deadline. It is encouraged that at least two of the letters speak to the applicant's academic promise.

### **Financial Support**

- To be considered for financial support, domestic applicants should apply early and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline; February 15. Information about financial aid can be found on the [Office of Financial Aid](#) website. International students are not eligible for federal financial aid. International students may qualify for merit scholarships of up to half tuition costs. All applicants are automatically considered for these awards / applicants that

indicate an interest will be considered for these awards. Contact your academic program for more information.

### **Application Status**

- We encourage you to be actively engaged in the admission process. You can check your [application status online](#). Applicants will receive login information at the time they create a new application.

### **Contact Information**

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For more information call (303) 871-2706.

### **International Applicants**

- For complete international applicant information, please visit the Office of Graduate Studies [International Student Application Information](#). International applicants are strongly encouraged to have their applications complete, with all materials on file in the admission office, at least eight weeks prior to the program's application deadline.

The [Graduate Policies and Procedures](#) provides complete details regarding admission requirements.