# Program and Application Information

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**Catalog Link:** [http://www.jmu.edu/catalog/](http://www.jmu.edu/catalog/)  

**Application Deadlines:** The application will open November 1. Applications for admission will be reviewed beginning on February 15. We will continue to consider applications for Fall admission on a rolling basis until May 15 or until all available seats in the program are filled. To be considered for a Graduate Assistantship all application materials and the Assistantship Application must be submitted by February 15.  
**Program Begins:** Fall  
**Degree(s) Offered:** Master of Arts  
**Test Requirements:** GRE General Test  

# Required by The Graduate School

**Required Electronically:**  
- Application  
- Application fee  
- Official GRE scores  

**Send official transcripts to The Graduate School.** The preferred method is an electronic copy sent via e-Scrip or National Student Clearing House. If an electronic copy is not an option, official, unopened paper copies can be mailed to:  
**The Graduate School**  
**James Madison University**  
**17 West Grace Street**  
**MSC 6702**  
**Harrisonburg, VA 22807**

**Required by Program**  
- A written statement of educational and professional goals (500 words)  
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae  
- Two letters of recommendation from professors, employers, and other professionals qualified to judge the applicant’s ability to successfully complete a graduate program. Letters of recommendation for those applying for Graduate Teaching Assistantships should address applicant’s potential for teaching.  

**Additional Materials (Optional)**  
Students who have not taken undergraduate coursework in research methods in communication or a related field are encouraged to submit a writing sample that demonstrates their writing, research, and analytical proficiencies. Students who have questions about their research methods preparation are encouraged to contact the Program Director.