

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: LA-CERG-SCMN

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This certificate is designed for graduate students with or without an academic communication background to upgrade their knowledge of the field. It is geared to meet the needs of both communication professionals and science professionals who want to emphasize science communication work in their future careers.

This graduate certificate may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the graduate certificate in science communication, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://communication.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-scmn/application>).

Policies

All course choices included in this certificate must be approved by the department.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

COMM 639	Science Communication	3
COMM 641	Advanced Communication Skills for STEM	3
Total Credits		6

One Course in COMM

Select one course from the following: 3

COMM 637	Risk Communication
COMM 640	Controversies in Science Communication
COMM 642	Science and the Public
COMM 644	Analysis and Criticism of Science Journalism

COMM 660	Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns	
COMM 735	Crisis Communication	
Total Credits		3

Electives

Two Courses in STEM, Health Sciences, or Science Policy

Select two courses in STEM, Health Sciences, or Science Policy ¹	6	
Total Credits		6

¹ These courses should be chosen from any STEM, health sciences, or science policy discipline. Both courses must be from the same discipline and must be graduate level. Choices must be approved by the program director. Students should select from 500- or 600-level courses offered by COS, CHHS, Schar, or CEHD.