

## Combined Degree BA + MS in Communication Application Guide

The following guide will assist you in completing your Graduate School application and preparing the documents supporting your application.

### GET STARTED

1. Create an application account to start your Graduate School application.
2. [Login](#) to the Graduate School application using your account credentials.

### DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- Official transcript for every institution of higher education attended, including Purdue
- Letter of reference contact information

### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION

#### Campus and Program

- **CAMPUS:** Select Purdue West Lafayette (PWL)
- **PROPOSED GRADUATE MAJOR:** Select MS Communication
- **AREA OF INTEREST:** (not required)
- **DEGREE OBJECTIVE:** Select MS Communication
- **COURSE DELIVERY METHOD:** Select Distance (online or off-campus location)

#### Education/Employment Background

- **SUPPLEMENTAL FORM:** (not required)
- **EMPLOYMENT & OTHER HISTORY:** (most current first, if applicable)
- **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** UPLOAD (300-500 words)
  - Please respond to the following prompts to facilitate our evaluation of your application. One to two paragraphs for each prompt should be sufficient to address our questions.
    - How has your academic background and relevant work or volunteer experience prepared you for the study of communication at the graduate-level at Purdue University?
    - What strategies will you use to ensure you have the time and flexibility to proactively engage course requirements in our program?
    - How is the curriculum in our program aligned with your personal and professional goals?
    - What else should we know about you that will help us assess your application?"

- **RESUME: UPLOAD**
  - Your resume should provide the admissions committee with more information than what's included in the application and focus on what they need to know to better evaluate your admission.
  - Some of the most commonly included categories in a graduate school resume are: Objective, Education, Academic Experience/Highlights, Employment, Volunteer, Community, and/or Extra-Curricular Involvement, Certifications/Professional Development
- **DIVERSITY ESSAY:** (not required)
- **FELLOWSHIP APPLICANT ESSAY:** (not required)
- **RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) letter of recommendation required
- **TOEFL SCORES:** (not required)
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** submit an official transcript for every institution of higher education attended, including Purdue
- **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**
- **FACULTY SELECTIONS:** (not required)
- **SIGNATURE**
- **REVIEW:** (correct any errors prior to submitting)

#### **SUBMIT APPLICATION AND PAY APPLICATION FEE**

If you have questions about the application process, please reach out to us at [gradcom@purdue.edu](mailto:gradcom@purdue.edu).