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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
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Accelerated Master's Degree in Communication

The Communication Department offers an accelerated route to the MA degree in communication, allowing completion of the degree in *HALF* the normal time. Eligible students take 12 credits of graduate coursework during their *senior undergraduate* year. Those credits count towards **both** the undergraduate **and** the graduate degree. This allows completion of the Master's degree in only two additional semesters (22 credits) after graduating with the BA.

This program is intended for students interested in enhancing their skill set and competitiveness on the job market. According to the US Census bureau, average income for MA graduates is about \$10,000 a year more than for BA graduates. The MA degree may also be useful for pursuing admission to other professional graduate programs (e.g., law school). The accelerated program is not ideal for students wanting to pursue research careers, entry into research-based PhD programs, or those seeking experience teaching. For those students we recommend our two-year MA degree program.

Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 are eligible to apply for admission in the spring of their junior year. The application requires a letter of recommendation (preferably from one of your COMM professors), a one-page on-line form, a two-page statement of purpose, your resume, and college transcripts. You do **not** need GRE scores to be admitted to the program. You will need an application code to apply, so email the Graduate Program Coordinator, Andrés Domínguez, at dad4@arizona.edu to get your code!

Find out more: <https://comm.arizona.edu/accelerated-masters-program>

If you have questions, contact Graduate Program Coordinator Andrés Domínguez at dad4@arizona.edu. Interested students are also encouraged to contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Jennifer Stevens Aubrey, at jlsa@email.arizona.edu.

MA Degree in One More Year!

DEADLINE: APRIL 15

