

Deadlines: For Fall 2010 admission and consideration for graduate funding, all application materials must be received by the Department by January 15, 2010. We will continue to accept applications (excluding funding requests) until April 15, 2010, but applications received after that will not be considered for fall admission.

All application materials must be sent electronically. Note that some materials are sent to the Virginia Tech Graduate school (through their admissions portal at <http://www.grads.vt.edu>) and some are to be sent directly to the Communication Department (**wmhodge@vt.edu**)

Spring admission is generally not encouraged but may be considered under unique circumstances (such as transfer from another communication graduate program). This is because our three core courses are taught only in the fall and provide the necessary background needed for progress towards the degree.

To find out more about how to begin the VT application process, please visit the web site of the Virginia Tech Graduate School: <http://www.grads.vt.edu/admissions/applying/index.html>

Application Materials: The M.A. in Communication at Virginia Tech requires that applications include the following materials:

Items to be sent to the Virginia Tech Graduate School:

- A completed Virginia Tech Graduate School electronic application form
- A current resume (part of the Virginia Tech application);
- A statement of purpose that matches up the student's research and career interests with those of the Communication graduate program (part of the Virginia Tech application);
- One official and up-to-date copy of all transcripts of the applicant's undergraduate and graduate record. To be considered for admission, applicants are usually required to have an undergraduate Grade Point Average of at least 3.0;
- The General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The subject-specific test is not required. Virginia Tech's Institutional Code for the GREs is 5859;
- The results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for applicants who did not receive their bachelor's degree from an anglophone university and whose first language is not English. A TOEFL score of 600 is required to be considered for admission

Items to be sent directly to the Wendy M. Hodge, Department of Communication Graduate Staff Coordinator (wmhodge@vt.edu):

- One official and up-to-date copy of all transcripts of the applicant's undergraduate and graduate record. To be considered for admission, applicants are required to have an undergraduate Grade Point Average of at least 3.0;
- Three letters of recommendation, especially from references such as former professors who are able to access potential for graduate-level work. Letters of recommendation submitted through the on-line application process can be accessed by the department, so there is no need to resend paper copies;
- One writing sample that illustrates the applicant's potential for research;
- A scanned copy of the GRE report.

Funding: A limited number of Graduate Teaching Assistantships are available for exceptional applicants. To be considered for such positions, applicants must be complete the Virginia Tech "Application for Graduate Assistantships, Fellowships, and Departmental Placement" form, which is generated following your completed electronic submission.