

Frequent Questions



I haven't taken the pre-requisite courses, can I still apply?

Yes, it is possible to be admitted on a conditional coursework deficiency basis. This means that you would take the deficiency courses at the same time as you begin your graduate level courses. You would have to complete these courses within your first few semesters as a graduate student.

Do I have to take the GRE?

Yes, the GRE is a mandatory requirement to apply to our program. In order for the Graduate Committee to review your application, you have to have GRE scores on file with us.

What are the admission requirements?

To apply to the master's program at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, you must turn in the following:

- General OU graduate application (admissions.ou.edu)
- Letter of intent
- GRE
- Résumé
- Letters of recommendation (two for MA/MPW; three for PhD)
- TOEFL (non-native speakers only)
- 50 page writing sample (MPW applicants only)

Does your department require a separate departmental application? No.

Do you have a specific form for the letters of recommendation?

Yes, your recommenders need to write a formal recommendation letter and submit it via the CollegeNet system or directly to your college.

Do I have to time the materials so that you receive them all at once?

No, you can send your materials a piece at a time if you need too. The GRE scores should be sent directly to the college after testing. The general OU graduate application, once complete, will also be sent directly to the college. The other application materials may be e-mailed directly to:

Attention: Applicant [Full Name]
email to: gaylordgrad@ou.edu

I am applying to the MPW program, what is the format for the writing sample?

As long as you turn in a writing sample of 50 consecutive pages, there is no real format that is required. Although, we do accept electronic submissions of the writing sample, mailed or hand-delivered submissions are ok, too.

What are the deadlines to apply for either the MA, MPW or Ph.D. programs?

- February 1 for all GA applicants
- February 1 for the PhD program (fall semester only)
- March 1 for the fall semester (international students)
- May 1 for the fall semester (U.S. students)
- November 1 for the spring semester