Graduate Certificate in Science Communication

Application Instructions

Admission Requirements

All Prospective Students

1. Certificate Application Form
   - https://webforms.fiu.edu/view.php?id=2552622
2. University Graduate School Application*
   - https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/applications/index.html

*Please note that 1) there are different UGS forms for current graduate students and non-degree seeking students AND 2) admission to the certificate occurs every semester and does not adhere to the UGS deadlines.

Current STEM or Communication Graduate Students

- Good academic standing
  - This will be reviewed by the certificate director following the submission of your certificate application form

Current Graduate Students with no STEM or Communication Background

- Good academic standing
- Letter of intent (1-page, single spaced)
- Interview with certificate director

Non-Degree Seeking Students

- Most recent unofficial transcript must be submitted to sci@fiu.edu to demonstrate the completion of an undergraduate degree
- Letter of intent (1-page, single spaced)
- Interview with certificate director
Course Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Science Communication will require a total of 15 credits, including two foundational required courses (6 credits) and three elective courses (9 credits). A maximum of three credit hours may be taken at the 4000 level. Please email us at sci@fiu.edu for additional enrollment requirements.

Required Courses

1. Foundational Courses
   - MMC 5409 Science, Health, Environment and Risk Communication (3 credits)
   - PUR 6117 Strategic Storytelling and Digital Content Creation (3 credits)

2. Elective Courses
   Electives in Communication (select at least one)
   - VIC 6005 Web Design and Data Visualization (3 credits)
   - COM 5606 Environmental Communication (3 credits)
   - COM 6318 Applied Research Methods (3 credits)
   - MMC 5932 Special Topics (if approved by advisor) (3 credits)
   - PUR 6116 Multimedia Skills for Strategic Communicators (3 credits)
   - PUR 6508 Social Media Metrics and Evaluation (3 credits)

   Electives in Science (select at least one)
   - BSC 6936 Writing, publishing and communicating peer reviewed papers in biological sciences (3 credits)
   - SOP 5058 Proseminar in Social Psychology (3 credits)
   - PHC 6401 Health Behavior and Public Health (3 credits)
   - OR any course from the STEM disciplines with approval from student advisor and certificate coordinator

Please email sci@fiu.edu for any additional questions!