

# Graduate Certificate in Science Communication

## Application Instructions

### Admission Requirements

#### All Prospective Students

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

\*Please note that there are different forms for current graduate students and non-degree seeking students

#### 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

- 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](mailto: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

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