

MEDIA AND LEADERSHIP, CERTIFICATE IN (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

The graduate Certificate in Media and Leadership is a 12-credit hour program designed to prepare students for leadership roles in communications organizations. Students will learn about the principles of leadership and results-driven decision-making. The certificate program will educate students in the legal and ethical issues affecting media industries. Students will learn to foster diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Graduates will be prepared to lead communications' organizations across a variety of sectors.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completion of this certificate, graduates will be able to demonstrate the following skills.

SL01: Core skills

Students graduating with this certificate will demonstrate an understanding of practical skills necessary in media law and ethics.

SL02: Leadership skills

Students graduating with this certificate will demonstrate leadership skills necessary in contemporary media fields.

SL03: Tailored skills

Students graduating with this certificate will master written and multimedia platforms, including modern tools and technologies, to communicate clearly and effectively to inform and engage audiences in mass communication fields such as journalism or strategic communication.

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website (<http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/>) and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students. (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/>)

Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

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Admission requirements

Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
Certificate	Fall	May 1	

Editor's note: You will need to complete this table prior to entry into Bulletin.

In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/>), the following should be submitted to Graduate Admissions.

- Application form and application fee
- Three letters of recommendation – professional and/or academic
- Official undergraduate transcripts from all schools attended
- A statement of purpose outlining career goals
- A resume stating relevant work experience
- A plan of study, required by the school

For international students, the following is required:

- An official transcript evaluation from a recognized foreign educational credentials evaluation service accredited by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- A Test of English as a Foreign Language minimum composite score of 100 for the Internet Based Test or 600 for the paper-based test; or an International English language Testing System minimum score of 6.5 on the academic exam
- A minimum score of 68 on the VCU English Language Program Compression test (Students who do not achieve a score of 68 will be placed in the appropriate level English language proficiency courses.)

Note: No transfer credit hours are accepted for this certificate program. Credits from a degree already awarded cannot be applied toward the certificate.

Degree requirements

The curriculum will prepare students to demonstrate higher level skills and critical thinking for communication in the areas of media law and ethics, as well as leadership. Course work will focus on the legal and ethical framework of modern media and practice and decision-making in executive communications. Students will gain an understanding of mass media, journalism and/or strategic communication practice.

Course	Title	Hours
Required courses		
MASC 675	Leadership in Action	3
MASC 676	Media Law and Ethics	3
Electives		
Select six credits from the following:		6
MASC 618	Media Economics and Management	
MASC 643	Digital Management and Analytics	
MASC 644	Computational Journalism	
MASC 654	Persuasion	
MASC 682	Media Mechanics	
MASC 684	Multimedia Storytelling	
MASC 685	Strategy	
MASC 691	Topics in Mass Communications	
Total Hours		12

The minimum number of graduate credit hours required for this certificate is 12.

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