

Application for the Film, Video and Media Studies Major (FVMJ)

School of Communication
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Western Michigan University

Applications for the Film, Video and Media Studies major are accepted on or before the following dates annually:

- **January 15 @ 5p.m.**
- **May 15 @ 5 p.m.**
- **September 15 @ 5 p.m.**

If the application deadline falls on a weekend or an official university holiday, applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. the next business day.

Late applications will be held until the next application deadline.

The Application Process

Submit your completed application to the School of Communication main office, 301 Sprau Tower, by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be submitted to the selection committee.**

A completed application includes:

1. The application cover sheet (see reverse)
2. The most current copy of your unofficial **transcripts** (may be secured online from GoWMU). **Please Note:** This unofficial transcript will provide the review committee all the information they need, *providing you have transferred all academic records from each of your previous institutions*. If all records have not arrived, please obtain an *unofficial* transcript from each school and attach to your application. If you have a hold on your WMU account, you *will not* be able to print a copy of your transcript.
3. Write a two-page essay that explains:
 - a) Your perception of the role of media (film, video, radio, advertising, etc) in society;
 - b) What are the functions and social responsibilities of media?
 - c) How do you see yourself contributing to these functions and responsibilities?

Your application will be carefully reviewed by a committee (comparing it to all the other applicants for this major).

The committee will follow these guidelines when making their decision:

- The consistency of grades earned in communication courses.
- GPA (both overall and communication) in comparison to the others in this group of applicants.
- Your personal statement demonstrates your understanding of the field
- Your understanding of the field is related to your goals.
- Your personal statement meets or exceeds standards of effective writing skills.

You will be contacted in writing within 2-3 weeks after the application deadline regarding the status of your application. If you are accepted into the major, your official major slip will be included with your letter of acceptance.

If your application is not accepted, you may apply a second time for admission. You are permitted to apply to our by-application only majors (TIMJ, FVMJ, and PURJ) twice, in any combination. After your second application, you may declare a Communication minor. You will be required to declare a major in any other department on campus provided you meet their minimum qualifications.

For additional information, call (269) 387-3197 to obtain current advising hours. Walk in during those hours and see the undergraduate advisor.

**Application Cover Sheet
for Film, Video and Media Studies Major (FVMJ)**

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EFFECTIVE SPRING 2006

Name _____ WIN # _____ Date of Birth _____
PRINT (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Mailing Address _____
(STREET) (APARTMENT NUMBER)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

Local Phone (_____) _____ WMU email address (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

COM 1700 _____ **COM 2000** _____ **COM 2400** _____ **COM 2410** _____
(Grades earned in pre-communication courses must be completed with a "C" or better)

WMU GPA _____ (minimum 2.5 overall and 30 credit hours required; 15 credit hours from WMU)

Communication credits from other schools: School _____ Credit Hours _____

Expected semester and year for enrollment in: COM 2570 _____ COM 3550 _____
(You need to select one of the courses) COM 3560 _____ COM 3570 _____
COM 4570 _____ COM 5550 _____

(If you have already taken these classes, list semester/year and grade earned).

Anticipated graduation from Western (semester and year): _____

Additional declared Major(s): _____ Declared Minor(s): _____

List Semester/Year of previous application to the School of Communication major(s):

SEMESTER	YEAR	MAJOR
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First: _____

Second: _____

I certify that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have attached all required information. I understand that my application will not be reviewed if it is received after the deadline or if it is incomplete. I certify that I have applied for application to a School of Communication no more than twice.

SIGNATURE

DATE