The graduate certificate in digital communications consists of 4 courses (12-credit-hours). Flexible credentials allow students to apply the graduate certificate toward the strategic public relations master's degree. Classes meet Monday through Thursday evenings in GW's Arlington Graduate Education Center. Select courses may be able to be completed online. Visit the program website (https://gspm.gwu.edu/global-public-relations/) for additional information.

**ADMISSIONS**

**Admission deadlines:**
- Fall - July 1
- Spring - November 1
- Summer - April 15

**Recommendations required:**
Two (2) letters of recommendation from professional and/or academic references; at least one academic reference for those who graduated within the last five years.

**Prior academic records:**
Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed, course-by-course evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please go to: https://www.naces.org/members/.

**Statement of purpose:**
In an essay of 250-500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in this field and describe your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also, discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, as well as any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

**Additional requirement**
A resumé.

International students requesting a student visa from GW are not eligible to apply for this program.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
- Office of Admission
- College of Professional Studies
- The George Washington University
- 44983 Knoll Square, Suite B56
- Ashburn, VA 20147

Contact for questions:
- CPS Office of Admissions
- cpsgspm@gwu.edu ~ 703.299.9142 (phone) ~ 703.299.4144 (fax)
- 9 am - 5:30 pm EST, Monday through Friday

**REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 18 credits, including 15 credits in required courses and one 3-credit elective.

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One 3-credit elective course selected, with the program director’s approval, from the curricula of the master’s programs in strategic public relations, legislative affairs, or political management, or from another GW school or college.