

# MICRO-DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Immunology

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## Micro-Diploma in Science Communication Information

The purpose of this micro-diploma is to promote an in-depth understanding of science communication as a field of practice. Upon completion, students will better appreciate that communication breakdown can undermine public understanding and confidence in science.

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-micro-diploma/>).

### Micro-Diploma in Science Communication Admission Requirements

The Micro-Diploma in Science Communication is only open to those who are currently registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba in one of the listed graduate programs (<https://umanitoba.ca/medicine/medicine/department-immunology/#what-we-offer>).

## Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the Micro-Diploma in Science Communication program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/micro-diploma-science-communication/>) page.

## Degree Requirements

The program requires students to complete two courses for a total of six credit hours:

IMMU 7000 Science Communication: Foundations and Writing Methodologies (3 CH); and

IMMU 7010 Science Communication: Audio-video Methodologies (3 CH)

Students are required to achieve a minimum grade of "B" in mandatory courses.

**Expected Time to Completion:** 1 academic year (3 consecutive terms)

## Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

## Regulations

### Program Requirements

A Graduate Micro-Diploma is a short, flexible program of study focused on core knowledge in a field or interdisciplinary field of study at the graduate level. A Graduate Micro-Diploma consists of a minimum of six (6) credit hours to a maximum of nine (9) credit hours of coursework at the 7000-level or above. It may be stand alone and/or embedded in a graduate degree. A minimum of six (6) credit hours must be delivered by The University of Manitoba.

All students should consult department/unit supplementary regulations for specific details regarding a particular Graduate Micro-Diploma.

## Admission

Students who are eligible to be considered for direct admission to a program of study leading to the Graduate Micro-Diploma include:

- Graduates of four (4)-year undergraduate degree programs (or equivalent as deemed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies) from:
  - Canadian institutions empowered by law to grant degrees; or
  - Colleges and universities outside Canada which are officially recognized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- Graduates from first-cycle Bologna compliant degrees.
- Students who have completed a Pre-Master's program from:
  - The University of Manitoba (see General Regulations - Pre-Master's (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-pre-masters/>)); or
  - Canadian institutions empowered by law to grant degrees; or
  - Colleges and universities outside Canada which are officially recognized by The Faculty of Graduate Studies.

All students applying for a Graduate Micro-Diploma program must have attained a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last two (2) previous years of full-time university study (60 credit hours). This includes those applying for direct admission and those entering from a Pre-Master's program. Students who meet the minimum requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies are not guaranteed admission.

**Note:** This is the minimum requirement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and departments/units may have higher standards and additional criteria.

## Performance in Coursework

Students can consult Student Accessibility Services (SAS) if accommodations are required for coursework (see Accessibility Policy and Procedures (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/university-policies-procedures/accessibility-policy/>)).

A minimum degree grade point average (DGPA) of 3.0 with no grade below C+ must be maintained to continue in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Departments/Units may specify, in their supplementary regulations, standards that are higher than those of the Faculty of

Graduate Studies. Students who fail to maintain the specified grades or DGPA will be Required to Withdraw unless a department/unit recommends remedial action. Any such action must be approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or designate.

## Requirements for Remedial Action Plan

A student may be permitted to remediate deficiencies in grades by repeating the course or replacing it with an equivalent substitute course as determined by the department/unit. In the event that a substitute course is used for remediation, the substituted course must be at the same or higher level as the failed course (e.g., at the graduate level for a failed graduate-level course). Each failed course may be repeated or replaced only once, to a maximum of three (3) credit hours of coursework. If a course is repeated or replaced, the highest grade obtained will be used in the determination of the degree grade point average. Students receiving a grade of "C" or less in more than three (3) credit hours of coursework are usually Required to Withdraw from the Micro-Diploma, unless otherwise stated in the department/unit's supplementary regulations. A student may also be permitted the opportunity to improve a low DGPA as determined by the Graduate Chair of the student's department/unit through the registration and completion of additional course(s).

Students are usually expected to complete remedial action by the end of the subsequent term.

Graduate students are not permitted to repeat a previously passed course, unless the department/unit recommends that course(s) be re-taken if they have lapsed or expired (refer to Master's Degree General Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>) and Doctor of Philosophy General Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/doctor-philosophy-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>)).

### Note:

In exceptional circumstances, the department/unit may appeal to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for approval of remedial recommendation(s) falling outside those prescribed above.

Supplemental exams are not permitted to students in the Graduate Micro-Diploma program, unless otherwise stated in the department/unit's supplementary regulations.

## Time in Program

The expected time-to-completion for students in the Micro-Diploma program is one (1) academic year (i.e., three (3) consecutive terms). Micro-Diploma students are subject to the same re-registration requirements as all other graduate students.

## Transfer Credit

Courses within a program of study may be taken elsewhere and transferred for credit at The University of Manitoba. All such courses:

- must be approved for transfer to the program of study by the department/unit and the Faculty of Graduate Studies before the student may register for them;
- are considered on an individual basis;
- cannot usually be used for credit towards another degree;
- may not exceed three (3) credit hours of coursework required of the student's Graduate Micro-Diploma program at The University

of Manitoba, so long as six (6) credit hours of the Graduate Micro-Diploma program is taken at the University of Manitoba.

Permission is granted in the form of a Letter of Permission (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/#letter-of-permission>) which may be obtained by making an application to the Faculty of Graduate Studies; an original transcript and course equivalency must be provided.

## Recognition for Credit

Graduate-level courses completed as part of a Graduate Micro-Diploma may be recognized toward a Graduate Diploma or graduate degree program (where appropriate) and subject to the Senate approved program regulations. Graduate Micro-Diplomas may be stackable or laddered (refer to definitions per the Certificate and Diploma Framework ([https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Certificate\\_and\\_Diploma\\_Framework\\_2021\\_02\\_03.pdf](https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Certificate_and_Diploma_Framework_2021_02_03.pdf))) into Graduate Diplomas or graduate degree programs in same or related fields of study.