

**Master's degree in Communication**  
**4+1 Accelerated Degree Program Application**  
**School of Communication**  
**Cleveland State University**

**Description of the program:**

This accelerated program enables students to earn both a Bachelor's degree in Communication and a Master's degree in Applied Communication Theory and methodology in 5 years. The program allows a School of Communication student to take up to 12 credit hours of designated COM graduate courses and count these courses both toward the Bachelor's and the Master's degrees in Communication. High performing undergraduate students may apply for this 5-year program during junior year of undergraduate study and, if accepted, start COM graduate coursework during their fourth year. Students may then complete all remaining Com graduate coursework in one year of full-time graduate study.

**We encourage any students in our undergraduate programs to apply who meet the criteria below.**

The criteria for admission into the 4+1 program are:

- 1) majoring in Communication Studies or Journalism and Promotional Communication,
- 2) having a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better and a GPA of 3.25 or better in COM courses,
- 3) completing at least 60 credits at the undergraduate level (completed sophomore year).

Students who successfully complete the graduate courses as an undergraduate student (with a grade of B or better) will be accepted into the graduate program. Students who do not meet these criteria may be accepted provisionally at the discretion of the Graduate Program Admissions Committee.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis up until the beginning of the term in which the student wishes to enroll. However, early application is recommended and encouraged to ensure that needed courses are available.

**Please complete the application form on the following page and email it to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Guowei Jian, at: [g.jian@csuohio.edu](mailto:g.jian@csuohio.edu).**

## Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CSUID: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credits completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Two names of faculty members in the School of Communication who are familiar with your work (no written reference letter is needed):

1. Faculty reference: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Faculty reference: \_\_\_\_\_

In a brief essay (no more than two pages), please answer the following question:

**Why and how do you think the graduate program in Communication will enhance your scholarly and career goals?**

Your answer should be in a separate document, be written in 12-point font with one-inch margins.