

Communication Studies (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in communication studies is a research degree; doctoral students can expect opportunities to work closely with the faculty on research and to participate in the publication of research findings. All doctoral students are expected to achieve mastery of research design principles and methods appropriate to their program of study.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Entering students must have a bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) from an accredited institution, and their undergraduate preparation should include at least nine semester hours of upper-division coursework in communication studies. All applicants must meet the University's [admission requirements](#).

Satisfying these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Each applicant's credentials are scrutinized by each faculty member in the program. No single criterion, such as grade point average or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) score, is given undue weight in the decision process; every attempt is made to assess the special strengths that the applicant might bring to the program.

Total Hours Required: 45

Requirements

With the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee and the vice provost for graduate and postdoctoral studies, work toward the major may be divided among two or more areas in communication. To be counted toward the degree, all coursework in the major must be at the graduate level. Doctoral students normally complete all requirements in four or five years of graduate study. Individual study programs must be arranged in consultation with the graduate advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the requirements and policies below:		
	Graduate Communication Requirements	
	Graduate University Requirements	