Communication Department Profile

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The graduate program in Communication is consistently identified as one of the top ten programs in the country. The curriculum includes traditional and innovative course work from four areas of emphasis:

- History, Theory and Criticism of Rhetoric
- Media and Culture
- Public Address and Argument
- Rhetoric of Science

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

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<th>Major Field of Study</th>
<th>Degree</th>
<th>Avg. Fall Student Applicants</th>
<th>Avg. New Students Enrolled</th>
<th>Average Yearly # of Degrees</th>
<th>Yearly Average Enrolled</th>
<th>Average Percentage of Women</th>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>MA/PhD</td>
<td>110</td>
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Recent MA/MS/Ph.D.’s Placements:

- Concordia University (Montreal)
- St. John’s University (NY)
- Christopher Newport University
- SUNY Albany
- CUNY Baruch
- Temple University
- Defense Language Institute, Monterey
- Texas A&M
- Duquesne University
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Hofstra University
- University of Michigan
- James Madison University
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Oregon State University
- University of Richmond
- Penn State University
- University of Rhode Island
- Showa University (Japan)
- Wake Forest University

Admissions Requirements:

BA or equivalent degree in Communication or any related humanities or social science discipline (in hand by date of first enrollment); GRE scores directly reported from ETS; TOEFL scores from non-native speakers of English directly reported from ETS; letters of recommendation from 3 or more of the applicant’s former college or university professors; an academic writing sample (15+ pages); statement of purpose; official transcripts of all post-secondary coursework and vitae.

Admission Deadline: January 2nd

<p>| Average GPA of Entering Students: | 3.79 |</p>
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<th><strong>Average GRE’s of Entering Students:</strong></th>
<th>Verbal: 609</th>
<th>Quantitative: 598</th>
<th>Analytical: 5.3</th>
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**Is the GRE Subject Test Required?** [X] No [ ] Yes

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:

- Part-Time Study? [ ] Yes [X] No
- Evening/Weekend Study? [ ] Yes [X] No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available? [ ] Yes [X] No

Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:

- Part-Time: 0
- Full-Time: 12

**Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):**

- [X] 100%
- [ ] Less than 50%
- [ ] 50-99%
- [ ] None

How many years of support guaranteed from department: **PhD 4-5 years**

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master’s Degree Students? [X] Yes [ ] No

**Special Program Highlights:**

- Rhetoric of Science (certificate available)
- Debate (William Pitt Debate Union)

**Research Interests of Department’s Faculty:**

- History, Theory and Criticism of Rhetoric
- Public Address and Argument
- Media and Culture
- Rhetoric of Science

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