

COMMUNICATION PH.D.

FAQ



What is the focus of the Ph.D. program?

The program's focus is on international and intercultural communication as both are becoming increasingly important for today's graduates.

Is the GRE exam required?

Yes, a recent GRE score is required of ALL applicants. Completing a Master's degree at a program that did not require the GRE exam does not exempt the applicant from the GRE requirement. While there is no minimum required score, admission to the program is competitive. Thus, the better your GRE scores, the more competitive your application.

Does your program admit part-time students?

Currently, the program considers applications from students who want to complete the program on campus on a part-time basis. Students applying to complete the program online are expected to be full-time students.

Does your program offer support of any kind?

The program offers two forms of potential support, which are available on a competitive basis. The first is a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) and the second is the awarding of graduate tuition waivers. Ongoing support of either form is not guaranteed and is often determined on a semester-by-semester basis. All full-time students are eligible to apply for GTA positions, with students completing the program online being eligible to serve as a GTA for online undergraduate courses. On-campus students completing the program on a part-time basis are not eligible for GTA positions.

Are the online programs synchronous or asynchronous?

Both. Students completing the program online are strongly encouraged to join classes virtually in live time. However, they also have the option of completing the courses asynchronously.

How long does the program take to complete?

The Ph.D. program is designed to be as expedited as possible. Full-time students who enter the program with a Master's degree are expected to complete it in three years. Full-time students who enter the program with a Bachelor's degree are expected to complete it in five years.

If I meet the admission requirements, am I guaranteed to be admitted?

No. Multiple factors go into admission decisions, including alignment of research interests of the faculty and applicant, current enrollment in the program, and the qualifications of the other applicants.

I have a Master's degree. How many credits can I transfer?

Admitted students who hold a Master's degree from a different institution can transfer 30 credits to their doctoral program of study.

Do you offer any summer courses?

We currently do not offer any summer courses. Doctoral students take courses in the fall and spring semesters only.