Communication (Ph.D.)

Communication plays a fundamental role in our global society and it is imperative for us to recognize and appreciate the international and intercultural contexts in which it occurs. With a Ph.D. in Communication from UND, you’ll learn about human communication across diverse cultures and through multiple systems.

Program Snapshot
- Program type: Doctoral Degree
- Format: On-campus
- Est. time to complete: 3-5 years
- Credit hours: 90

Why Study Communication at UND?

Understanding the different ways people communicate around the world will help you address socially and globally pressing communication challenges. The Communication doctoral program at UND provides you with knowledge and skills that will set you apart as a leader in international and intercultural communication.

Through the program, you’ll work hand-in-hand with research faculty recognized for their work in:
- Interpersonal and persuasive communication
- Risk and crisis communication
- New media and cyberculture
- Strategic communication in digital and social media environments

You’ll be a communications expert, prepared to teach at the college level or find a career in a media-related field as a researcher, consultant or policy maker.
Application Deadlines

Fall: Feb 1* | April 15
Spring: Sept 15* | Nov 15
*designates priority deadline

Communication Ph.D. Overview

- Learn from recognized leaders in the field of international and intercultural communication.
- Study in our newly created "DigiComm" lab in Columbia Hall.
- Take part in teaching assistantships.
- Earn a non-thesis master's degree on your way to completing your Doctorate in our program.

Communication Ph.D. Careers

13% Projected growth for employment of postsecondary teachers from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations*
89K Median salary for Communication professors

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Program graduates find careers as leaders of international and intercultural communication. Many go on to teach and do research at the postsecondary level.

Doctoral students from the University of North Dakota have gone on to a variety of jobs, including:

- Communications Director
- Department Chair
- Professor
- Associate Professor
- Lecturer