



The Ph.D. Degree at the University of Arizona

The Ph.D. is principally a research degree. The goal of the program is to prepare students to be well-rounded scholars and researchers with the skill and ability to succeed in top research institutions. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of research practices, internalize sound scholarly values, and begin to develop a record of published research and conference presentations. Students will

additionally receive training and experience in teaching. This opportunity is expected to provide important pedagogical training, essential to successful instruction after leaving our program.

- 1) **Core Courses:** All students in the Ph.D. must complete all *three* of the following core courses (*unless previously completed in our M.A. program*).
 - 500: Introduction to Graduate Studies in Communication
 - 561: Research Methodologies I
 - 571: Research Methodologies II
- 1) **Theory Courses:** All students in the Ph.D. program must complete *two* theory seminars and may take additional theory courses as electives. Theory seminars are offered in Mass Communication Theory, Interpersonal Theory, Theories of Social Influence, and Health Communication Theory.
- 2) **Research Team:** All students must participate on a research team (Comm 900) for one credit per semester. Ph.D. students participate in research team until completion of the comprehensive exams.
- 3) **Research Tool:** Six units of research methods and/or statistics courses are required reflecting a particular methodological/statistical specialty that will be used in dissertation research.
- 4) **Elective Courses:** Remaining credits are fulfilled with elective classes chosen by the student.
- 5) **Ph.D. Minor:** Ph.D. students are also required to have a minor, which typically involves 9 to 12 units outside of the department.

Ph.D. STUDENT FUNDING

1. Ph.D. students typically receive a **teaching associateship** for four years.
2. **Summer funding** is commonly available within the department: most students who want to teach summer courses have historically received funding to teach at least one.
3. **Fellowship funding** is available via university-wide competitive fellowships and department awards in the areas of teaching, research, classroom performance, and dissertation funds.
4. **Professional Development and Travel funding** is available for students who are currently in residence in Tucson and active within the program. This funding is dependent on student's merit, financial need, and quality of proposal for use of funds to develop professionally through conferences, workshops, and other scholarly opportunities.

Application information and further details at: <http://comm.arizona.edu/grads>

Application Deadline: March 1st





DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION DOCTORAL PROGRAM

DEADLINES FOR FALL ADMISSION

for DOMESTIC and INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

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Files will not be reviewed until all materials are received.

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To apply go to: <http://grad.arizona.edu> and click APPLY NOW

Ph.D. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- M.A. in Communication or closely related social science
- International students: TOEFL IBT 95, PBT 600, speaking score of 24 minimum, *or* IELTS composite score of 7.5 with no subject area below 7 (8 is recommended level).
- **Writing sample** (thesis chapters, prospectus, or conference paper preferred)
- The majority of Ph.D. students admitted to the Department of Communication graduate program have **GRE scores** at or above 156 on Verbal, 146 on Quantitative, and 4.5 on Analytical Writing subtests, and a minimum **GPA** of 3.5. Some students are admitted with lower scores, but prospective applicants whose scores fall substantially below these numbers, and especially those with scores below the 50th percentile on any subtest, are encouraged to retake the **GRE**.
- **GRE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CODE:** 4832
- **DEPT GRE MAJOR FIELD CODE:** Select one of the following that best fits your interest: comm & media studies 4507; comm technologies 4502; mass comm 4508; radio, TV, & digital comm 4505; speech comm 4506; comm & journalism – other 4599.
- **3 letters of recommendation** addressing the applicant's academic and intellectual qualifications, preferably from instructors
- **Statement of Purpose** (1500-2000 words) should be broken into the following sections: (a) your scholarly and research interests in the field of communication, (b) why you wish to pursue graduate study in the Department of Communication at the University of Arizona (including explicit connections between your research interests and our core faculty's areas of expertise), and (c) your plans following completion of your graduate degree. We encourage applicants to list one or two specific core faculty with whom they wish to work. Prospective Ph.D. students should incorporate specific information on their plans for doing research in our graduate program into this statement.
- For the purposes of application evaluation, we will accept **unofficial transcripts** of credits earned from ALL colleges and universities attended. If the applicant accepts offer of admission, we will require **official transcripts** of credits earned from ALL colleges and universities attended.

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

- Teaching and Research Associateships
- Fellowships and tuition scholarships determined by Graduate Admissions Committee

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