MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Admission to Program

The requirements for admission are an undergraduate major in communication, a 3.0 or better upper division grade point average, scores on the General Graduate Record Examination, and two letters of reference. Applicants not meeting these criteria may be eligible for conditional admission. Conditions may vary from completing 4 to 16 units of approved undergraduate courses in communication studies to earning a B or better in the initial three graduate courses, including COMM 700. None of the undergraduate units used in fulfilling prerequisites for advancement to classified status may be counted toward the satisfaction of course requirements in the graduate program. GRE scores and letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the department coordinator: Dr. Javon Johnson.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One

Students must take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) analytical writing test prior to applying for admission to the program. Students who achieve a score of 4.0 or higher will have passed the first level graduate writing requirement. Students who achieve a score below 4.0 on the GRE writing test may still be considered for admission to the program, based on the rest of their application materials, but will be required to retake the GRE or complete a department approved writing skills course (conditional admission) before meeting the first level writing requirement.

Level Two

Satisfactory completion of a master's thesis or written comprehensive examination or a creative project.

Upper-division courses the department offers may be considered, upon approval of the graduate advisor, except public performance courses.

Communication Studies – Graduate Studies

Mission Statement

We invite students into a life of scholarly inquiry and engaged citizenship with a focus on social justice. We use multiple approaches for the advanced study of communication processes to understand complex human problems and discern ethical choices in local and global communities. Our program prepares students for diverse careers that benefit from advanced training in communication including teaching and careers in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.