**COMMUNICATION, MA**

*for the degree of Master of Arts in Communication (on campus & online)*

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**Graduate Degree Programs in Communication**

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concentration:  
Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)  
Health Communication, MS (on campus & online) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/health-communication-ms/)  
concentration:  
Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)  
Communication, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/communication-phd/)  
concentration:  
Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)  
Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/)  
Writing Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/)

The Department of Communication offers a broad curriculum in communication research. In consultation with an advisor, students assemble individualized programs, concentrating in organizational and group communication, interpersonal and family communication, health communication, communication technology, political communication, rhetoric and public discourse, communication in cultural contexts, or mass communication. Interdisciplinary programs are also encouraged.

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**Admission**

An application must include official transcripts from every post-secondary institution the applicant has attended; scores on the general aptitude parts of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); at least three letters of recommendation, preferably from academic recommenders; a major paper or essay as a sample of academic writing; and a statement of purpose. Students whose native language is not English must present their official scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination as part of their applications. The department follows the Graduate College's recommendations for English proficiency. Detailed information about admissions and financial aid can be found on the department's Web site (https://communication.illinois.edu/admissions/apply-graduate-program/). Ordinarily, students are admitted to begin graduate study in the fall semester.

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**Graduate Teaching Experience**

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is usually offered in the form of part-time teaching assistantships; some fellowships and research assistantships are available.

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The entering student should present the equivalent of 16 semester hours of undergraduate work in communication or a related area. In some cases an oral examination is also stipulated. A thesis is optional.

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