



MASTER OF ARTS

COMMUNICATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of the Pacific Master of Communication (MA) is a graduate-level program that consists of 32 units taught over the course of four full-time semesters or on a part-time schedule. Students complete academic courses on Pacific's Stockton campus, mastering knowledge and skills in communication theory, methodology and practice. They emerge prepared to start management-level careers, solve communication-related work problems or enter top doctoral programs.

CURRICULUM

Students select a concentration in one of four areas – Communication Education, Communication Studies, Political Communication or Media and Public Relations – each of which integrates coursework from related disciplines, providing every student with a broad background in the study of communication. Field studies and research-based learning are part of the curriculum, and an internship is required. Students can choose between a thesis or a non-traditional thesis option.

FACULTY

Graduate students in Pacific's Communication program benefit from close working relationships with dedicated and passionate professors. Our distinguished and award winning faculty members are engaged in the national and international communication community and provide students with exceptional opportunities for scholarly and experiential learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Communication program's admission process involves a holistic review that includes factors of each applicant's background and experience.

- Completed online application
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official GRE scores
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- One-page personal statement

TUITION AND FINANCING

Tuition and fees are set on an annual basis. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2016-2017 academic year is \$1,377, plus applicable fees.

Significant funding is available in the form of tuition remission and graduate assistantships that substantially offset program costs. Graduate assistants work as instructors in courses such as Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Public Relations and Media and Society. They also serve as coaches for Pacific's nationally-ranked forensics program or as research assistants for professors in the department.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

MORE INFORMATION

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