

MASS COMMUNICATIONS, PHD

The Mass Communications PhD is an interdisciplinary doctoral program offered by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The program offers several internationally recognized areas of research and teaching excellence:

- civic and political communication
- health and environmental communications
- history of media institutions
- information technologies
- social networking and digital media
- processes and effects of mediated communication
- law and ethics of media
- international and inter-cultural communication
- public opinion
- science and risk communication
- social marketing
- journalism studies
- media ecologies
- race and media

Working closely with their major professor and committee, students draw from courses offered in departments across the campus to develop a plan of study in preparation for independent and original research in their areas of interest.

Previously, this program was jointly offered with the department of Life Sciences Communication, and as of Fall 2025 is accepting applications for their newly created Science Communication PhD. Please see their Guide page for more information.