

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Graduate



Graduate Programs in Communication Studies

Graduate studies in communication at CSU attract students from around the world who deeply value teaching, scholarship, community, and excellence. The Department of Communication Studies offers two Master of Arts in Communication Studies degrees (Plan A and Plan B - see below), and one Ph.D. in Communication degree. All programs provide a rigorous scholarly experience that offers maximum flexibility in study across three areas of emphasis:

1. Film and media studies
2. Relational and organizational communication
3. Rhetoric and civic engagement

Coursework in each of these areas, respectively, includes the following topics:

1. Contemporary issues in media, media theories, media audiences, media texts, and media industries.
2. Communication theories and social scientific research in intercultural, interpersonal, and organizational communication.
3. Public address, rhetoric and public affairs, rhetorical theory, rhetorical criticism, rhetoric of everyday life, and anti-racist, queer, and feminist theory.

Students enrolled in the Ph.D. in Communication degree develop programs of study tailored to their unique professional goals. They also teach a variety of undergraduate courses and are mentored by acclaimed scholars engaged in leading-edge research.

Students enrolled in M.A. in Communication Studies programs receive an introduction to the field of Communication Studies and instruction in critical and social scientific research methods. Plan A Master's students augment the M.A. core with electives of their choosing and complete a master's thesis under the advisement of a faculty committee. Plan B Master's students augment the M.A. core and elective curriculum with

coursework and research in public deliberation. They also complete an applied research project.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>) and the Department of Communication Studies (<http://communicationstudies.colostate.edu>).

Master's Programs

- Master of Arts in Communication Studies, Plan A (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/communication-studies/communication-studies-ma/>)
- Master of Arts in Communication Studies, Plan B, Deliberative Practices Specialization (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/communication-studies/plan-b-ma-communication-studies-deliberative-practices-specialization/>)

Ph.D.

- Ph.D in Communication (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/communication-studies/phd-communication/>)