



# History Communication Theory Criticism

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh is consistently identified as one of the top 10 programs in the country. Its faculty and graduates have provided leadership to the field and continue to shape the study of communication in significant ways. The aim of the program is to train rigorous researchers and excellent teachers. To this end, it offers historical, theoretical, and critical approaches to the study of communication. The curriculum includes traditional and innovative course work from four areas of emphasis: **history, theory, and criticism of rhetoric; media and cultural studies; public argument and discourse; and rhetoric of science.**



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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

### GRADUATE STUDY

- **History, Theory, and Criticism of Rhetoric**  
The department has a celebrated tradition of excellence and innovation in the study of rhetorical theory and practice from antiquity to the present day. Many of its graduates are recognized scholars and leaders in the field. Courses include rhetorical theory; classical, modern, and contemporary rhetoric; criticism; rhetoric and philosophy; and visual rhetoric.
- **Media and Cultural Studies**  
The study of media and culture reflects faculty expertise in a variety of critical, cultural, historical, economic, political, and philosophical approaches. Students may also complete certificates in the University's highly regarded programs in cultural studies, film studies, and women's studies, all of which have close ties to the department.
- **Public Argument and Discourse**  
The historically grounded study of public argument and discourse has been a strength of the graduate program for decades. Course work includes argumentation theory, criticism of public discourse, social movement theory, political traditions, and the study and practice of public debate.
- **Rhetoric of Science**  
A distinctive strength of the Pitt program, studies in the rhetoric of science focus on textual, epistemological, institutional, and cultural factors shaping scientific discourse and public controversies about science. Special resources are afforded by the University's world-famous program in history and philosophy of science and by its innovative program in bioethics and health law.

### MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

The department requires 30 credits (10 courses) for the Master of Arts degree. After completing the course work, candidates take written and oral exams to test their general knowledge of the field, specialized knowledge derived from their course work, and individually tailored reading lists.

The doctoral degree requires 60 credits (10 courses beyond the MA) plus 12 dissertation credits. Candidates for the PhD must meet the general requirements of the School of Arts and Sciences for preliminary and comprehensive examinations, overview meeting, dissertation, and oral defense. Some credits may be transferred for graduate course work completed at other universities.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Department of Communication admits six to seven students each year. For those admitted, the department normally provides teaching assistantships and fellowships that include a full-tuition scholarship, medical insurance, free public transportation, and a stipend for teaching services or full-time research. First-year students with MA in hand are eligible to apply for three \$3,000 departmental summer research support grants.

### FACULTY

For an up-to-date list of faculty members and their areas of expertise, visit [www.pitt.edu/~comm/faculty.html](http://www.pitt.edu/~comm/faculty.html).

### APPLY ONLINE

For more information on the graduate program in communication in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, go to [www.pitt.edu/~comm/grad.html](http://www.pitt.edu/~comm/grad.html).



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### QUESTIONS?

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