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Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor's or master's degree in communication or a related field
- Official transcripts from all universities and/or colleges attended
- Recent scores on the Graduate Record Examination (and, if not a native speaker of English, TOEFL)
- Article-length writing sample
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation (preferably from former professors)

All applicants must apply online by January 2 for admission in the fall semester.

Financial Aid

The six or seven students admitted each year normally receive 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 a master's degree in hand are eligible to apply for three \$3,000 summer research support grants.

Apply Online

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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 program offers **four areas of emphasis**: history, theory, and criticism of rhetoric; media and cultural studies; public argument and discourse; and rhetoric of science.

The history, theory, and criticism of rhetoric area has enjoyed considerable prominence since the 1920s. Since then, it has produced influential scholarship in the theory, history, and criticism of rhetorical discourse.

Today's program encourages the opening of new areas of study rather than settling into established territories. Informed by the demands of tradition and innovation, the program regards rhetoric as an orientation to the world and a situated practice. As such, the program promotes a rhetorical understanding of other disciplines.



Seminars and Course Work

The department has a long tradition of excellence in the study of rhetorical theory and practice from antiquity to the present day.

Current graduate seminars include the following:

- African American Rhetoric
- Common Sense
- History of American Rhetorical Idioms
- History of American Environmental Rhetoric
- Interdisciplinary Theorization
- Kenneth Burke
- Modern Theories of Rhetoric
- Philosophy of Medicine
- Rhetoric of Human Rights
- Rhetoric of Social Movements
- Rhetorical Production

Courses include the following:

- Classical Rhetoric
- Critical Theory
- Contemporary Rhetoric
- Rhetorical Criticism
- Rhetoric and Philosophy
- Rhetorical Theory
- Visual Rhetoric

Many students also draw from course work in media and cultural studies. Others take their already strong background in rhetoric to work in other fields, such as bioethics, Latin American studies, Russian and Eastern European studies, classics, cultural studies, philosophy, history and philosophy of science, women's studies, and public and international affairs.



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