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For more details and updated information about the Graduate Program in Communication at Pitt, visit www.comm.pitt.edu/graduate/index.html.

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

For more information on the Graduate Program in Communication in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, go to www.comm.pitt.edu/apply.html.

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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 historically grounded study of **public argument and discourse** has long been a touchstone for the Department of Communication. Faculty and students explore both the potentials and the problems of public argument and discourse within historically specific events and traditions.

Questions include the following:

- How does the content and form of argument bear on judgment and action?
- What public forums are available today, and to whom?
- What are the promises and pitfalls inherent in grounding civic culture in argumentation and debate as organizing principles?
- What forms of individual or collective agency are possible in public deliberation?

Points of departure include

argumentation theory, applied debate practice, political traditions, critical theory, mass-mediated discourses, African American rhetoric, and communication pedagogy.

Seminar Courses

- Argumentation
- Audience and Reception History
- Contemporary Public Argument: Visual Rhetoric in Contemporary U.S. Culture
- 18th-Century American Public Argument
- History and Practice of Rhetorical Criticism
- Interdisciplinary Theorization
- Public Discourse on the Internet
- Qualitative Analysis of Pictorial Symbols
- Rhetoric of Science Policy
- Rhetoric and Human Rights
- Rhetoric of the American Revolution
- Rhetoric of Social Movements
- Rhetorical Production
- Speech Education
- Teaching Practicum in Public Speaking
- Visualizing Race, Class, and Gender
- Visual Rhetoric: Interpretation and Criticism
- Voices of Remembrance: Oral History, Methods, Theory, and Interpretation



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