Admission Contact Information

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Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: January 15
Minimum GPA: 3.0 preferred
Minimum TOEFL scores:
- Internet-based test (iBT)
  - 61
- Paper-based test (PBT)
  - 600
Minimum GRE scores:

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Admission procedures for students who have completed the MA degree elsewhere and wish to become PhD candidates are identical to the departmental requirements outlined for MA candidates. Only those applicants who show evidence of a clear likelihood of successful doctoral work are admitted.

Required Application Materials

To the Graduate School
All required Graduate School documents

To the Communication Program

- GRE scores
- Departmental Application
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Example of scholarly writing (no more than 25 pages)
- Transcripts
- Statement of Interest
- Résumé

Financial Aid from the Program

Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

Requirements

Before registering for courses, the student must confer with their temporary advisor until a permanent advisor is assigned.

Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination, including a 30-page literature review, a 15-hour written exam and an oral defense, will cover all areas of studies in the field. During the semester students take comprehensive exams they enroll in.

Dissertation

The doctoral dissertation is written under the direction of the candidate’s advisor. The dissertation and the final oral examination on the dissertation complete the requirements for the PhD in communication. Students take a minimum of six hours of.

Length of Study

Course work and comprehensive exams for the PhD must be completed in five years. The dissertation must be completed within five years of completing comprehensive examinations. Satisfactory rate of progress means making adequate progress to meet these time requirements. Students working at a typical pace should be able to complete the doctorate in 4 years beyond their master’s.