COMMUNICATION STUDIES - M.A.

College of Communication and Information
School of Communication Studies
www.kent.edu/comm

Examples of Possible Careers*

Communications teachers, postsecondary
• 3.2% about as fast as the average
• 35,600 number of jobs
• $71,030 potential earnings

Market research analysts and marketing specialists
• 17.7% much faster than the average
• 738,100 number of jobs
• $65,810 potential earnings

Public relations and fundraising managers
• 9.2% much faster than the average
• 88,000 number of jobs
• $118,430 potential earnings

Contact Information
• School Director: Paul Haridakis | comm@kent.edu | 330-672-2659
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Admission Terms
• Fall
• Spring

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies is intended to provide a broad spectrum of knowledge about human communication in various social contexts, and the ways in which information is produced and processed. Curriculum focus is on the social and behavioral study of communication theory and research. The program prepares individuals to pursue a doctorate degree, as well as for non-academic careers in which a broad understanding of communication theory and research is desirable.

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• Goal statement
• Sample of scholarly writing
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 82 MELAB score
  • Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 65 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Read, critique and engage in theory-based research involving a broad spectrum of topics in human communication.
2. Understand and master appropriate methodological skills for the study of human communication and apply them to relevant and shifting real-world contexts that often include newer communication technologies.
3. Utilize theory-based and state-of-the-art knowledge to stimulate and improve communication processes in educational, business and nonprofit environments.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Culminating Requirement, choose from the following:

• Thesis Option
  • COMM 60199 | THESIS I                                  |              |
  • Communication Studies (COMM) Electives

• Coursework-only Option
  • Communication Studies (COMM) Electives

• Project Option
  • COMM 61198 | MASTERS PROJECT IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES   |              |

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Communication Studies (COMM) Electives

**Internship Option**

COMM 64092  
MASTERS INTERNSHIP IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Communication Studies (COMM) Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

A minimum of 9 credit hours must be at the 60000-level. Up to 6 credit hours may be taken from programs outside of Communication Studies. A maximum of 4 credit hours of workshop coursework may be taken.

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**Dual degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration**

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.A. degree in Communication Studies and the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The dual M.A./M.B.A. degree program is designed for students and professionals whose career goals focus on communication, particularly global communication, and provides direction and leadership in economic and business development processes.

**Dual Degree Requirements**

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**Thesis Option**

COMM 60199  
THESIS I

**Coursework Only Option**

Communication Studies (COMM) Electives