



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION



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OVERVIEW

The School of Communication offers a Master of Arts intended for students seeking an advanced degree that provides breadth and depth in the study of human and mediated communication. The program offers a unique blend of courses and seminars in which the social sciences and the humanities play a central role. The coursework and research opportunities are designed for students who wish to pursue scholarly interests in the field of communication, media, advertising, public relations or organizational communication. The program allows students flexibility in the selection of coursework and encourages students to decide, in consultation with an advisor, the extent to which they wish greater breadth or a more narrow focus in their study of communication.

Our graduate classes typically have 10 to 20 students, just the right size for dynamic class discussions and active learning through projects and presentations. They also are sized right for close relationships between faculty and students. Faculty can get to know you and offer more personal and individualized instruction. Conveniently scheduled in the evening, our classes have a rich mixture of traditional full-time graduate students and working professionals taking a class or two each term. Our students come from a broad range of backgrounds.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited collegiate institution. Applicants without substantive work experience will be expected to have a B average in the undergraduate major.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admissions review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the Graduate Office at the following address: Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC231; University of Hartford; 200 Bloomfield Avenue; West Hartford, CT 06117 USA.

The following items are required:

- An application
- A non-refundable application fee of \$45.00 for domestic and international (checks payable to the University of Hartford)
- Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework forwarded to the University of Hartford; International Students must have their transcripts evaluated at the World Education Services, visit: www.wes.org
- A letter of intent as specified in the application form
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official results of the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Visit: www.ets.org

International Applicants

- **TOEFL** – official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at: www.ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based; 79-80 iBT. IELTS is also accepted. Minimum score 6.5. Visit: www.ielts.org.
- **Transcript evaluation** – transcript must be evaluated by the World Evaluation Services/ WES. Visit: www.wes.org. The evaluation at a minimum should indicate that the student has completed the equivalent of four-year bachelor's degree at a U.S. regionally accredited institution. The \$45.00 application fee will be waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.
- **Guarantor's Statement** – a certified Guarantor's Statement of financial support is required. You may download the Guarantor's Statement at: www.hartford.edu/graduate/int.

DEADLINES AND DATES

Admission into the School of Communication can occur for either the fall or spring semester. Applications are accepted year-round, but students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Those applying for teaching assistantships should apply by April 15 for the fall term, or November 15 for the spring term. The admissions committee will review complete applications in the order in which they are received. Students who wish to explore the program prior to formal admission may enroll in up to six credits of graduate course work.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

Graduate students in the School of Communication are charged the per-credit-hour rate. The 2009-10 academic year per-credit-hour rate for courses in the School of Communication is \$405 per credit hour.

International students who hold F-1 visas are required to attend as full-time students (minimum of nine credits per semester). The 2009-10 academic year full-time tuition and fees for international graduate students in the Communication program is approximately \$7,458 per year. This is estimated and based on the minimum full-time cost for tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters.

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid:

Student financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is limited to the Federal Family Education Loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes summer, fall, and spring.



The School of Communication's graduate course offerings extend beyond those listed in the Graduate Bulletin. Such courses have dealt with issues such as gender and communication, new media, political communication, and global public relations strategies.

