



## Master of Arts **COMMUNICATION**

### Program Overview

College of the Pacific's Master of Arts in Communication graduate-level program consists of 32 units taught over the course of four full-time semesters or on a part-time schedule.

Students master knowledge and skills in:

- Communication theory
- Methodology
- Work-related practice

They emerge prepared to start management-level careers, solve communication-related work problems or enter top doctoral programs.

The Department of Communication boasts a nationally ranked forensics program that focuses on parliamentary debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and AFA individual events.

### PROGRAM FAST FACTS

**Stockton**  
Campus

**32**  
units

**2**  
years

**Rolling**  
application deadline

**Fall or Spring**  
semester start

**In-person**  
program

**GRE**  
required



I do not use the word excellent lightly. But that is the word that comes to mind when I reflect on my experience as a Master's student in the communication program at Pacific. The combination of a diverse (and also, very patient and supportive) faculty, tuition remission, acquiring teaching experience, and rigor make this program a superb option for any student considering graduate school in communication.

**Mostafa Aniss**  
MA Communication

### Curriculum

Students select a concentration in one of four areas:

- Media and Public Relations
- Communication Education
- Communication Studies
- Political Communication

Each concentration integrates coursework from related disciplines, providing every student with a broad background in the study of communication. Field studies and research-based learning are part of the curriculum, and an internship is required. Students can choose between a thesis or a nontraditional thesis option.

### Faculty

Graduate students in Pacific's Communication program benefit from close working relationships with dedicated and passionate professors. Our distinguished and award winning faculty members are engaged in the national and international communication community and provide students with exceptional opportunities for scholarly and experiential learning..

### Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2018-2019 academic year is \$1,483 plus applicable fees.

Significant funding is available in the form of tuition remission and graduate assistantships. Graduate assistants may serve as: instructors in courses, coaches for Pacific's nationally-ranked forensics program, or research assistants for professors.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

### OUTCOMES

Graduate students should be able to: Research, organize and deliver oral presentations professionally; write clearly, critically and persuasively; apply communication theories, concepts, or principles of best practice and research methods to study or solve communication issues and problems.

### REQUIREMENTS

The admission process involves a holistic review of each applicant's background and experiences. The following are required for admission through our application in GradCAS ([gradcas.liaisoncas.com](http://gradcas.liaisoncas.com)):

- Bachelor's Degree  
A 3.0 GPA
- Official transcripts
- GRE scores
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

For more information, please visit:

[go.pacific.edu/graduate](http://go.pacific.edu/graduate)