



Master of Arts **COMMUNICATION**

University of the Pacific's Master of Arts in Communication program is intended for students who want to develop knowledge and skills for solving work-related communication problems and for those who intend to enter doctoral programs.

The program combines training in communication theory, methodology and work-related practice. It consists of 32 units taught over the course of four full-time semesters or on a part-time schedule. Students choose to concentrate in one of four

areas: media and public relations, communication education, communication studies or political communication.

The program also offers a non-traditional thesis option that allows students to apply their communication graduate coursework to a project that demonstrates their knowledge. Examples include: a media production, public relations campaign, media relations campaign or communication education research.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Stockton

Campus

32

units

2

years

Rolling

application deadline

Fall or Spring

semester start

In-person

program

GRE

required

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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 2019-20 academic year is \$1,528 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

Graduates work as media consultants, public relations practitioners, nonprofit marketing directors, advertising campaign managers, community college instructors, lobbyists, political interest group directors, public information officers and legislative analysts.

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.liasoncas.com):

- Bachelor's degree
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:

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