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APPLY NOW!

UP CMC GRADUATE SCHOOL

Application Period: 27 April – 29 May 2026

MASTER OF ARTS IN **COMMUNICATION**

The program provides a comprehensive and innovative advancement of communication as an academic discipline and professional field of study. It seeks to develop critical inquiry and high-level research by striking a balance between communication research, theory and practice.



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMMUNICATION

The program aims to provide advanced graduate training in theory, research, policy, planning, and management which would enable qualified students to carry out independent research in communications and related disciplines and to pursue careers in academic, government, and private communication media agencies and communication-related institutions. It offers a platform to attain distinction in the field of communication for professionals in the communication discipline and related fields.



GENERAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE

MA Communication applicants must have a **GWA of 2.00** or better from his/her Bachelor's degree.

PHD Communication applicants must have a **GWA of 1.75** or higher in the Master's studies.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The applicant should exemplify a very high degree of accomplishment in the desired field of study and must pass a series of in-depth **interviews** to be conducted by a distinguished panel of the College.

Moreover, the applicant must pass a **written admission examination** to be administered by a faculty committee to be constituted by the Dean.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

An applicant must show proof of proficiency in English and/or Filipino as determined by the Graduate Studies Admissions Committee.

However, if the Department so requires, an applicant must show proof of proficiency in **both English and Filipino.**

FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Foreign applicants who obtained their Master's degree abroad must show proof that they passed the standard **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** with a minimum score of 500 or 250 in the computer-based TOEFL.

BRIDGING COURSE

An applicant admitted to the PhD program whose Master of Arts degree was not received from the College is required to take the courses **Communication 230 (Concepts and Issues in Communication Theory)** and **Communication 210 (Approaches in Communication Research)** prior to enrollment in major courses. An applicant who does not have a background in Communication is likewise required to take the aforementioned prerequisite courses.

MA COMMUNICATION COURSE PLAN

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION 36 units

APPROVAL

124th UPD UC : 19 November 2012 | President AEPascual : 29 November 2012

F I R S T Y E A R

1st Semester 12 units

Comm 201	3
Comm 230	3
Comm 210	3
Free Elective	3

2nd Semester 12 units

Comm Elective	3
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Free Elective	3

S E C O N D Y E A R

1st Semester 6 units

Comm 299	3
Comm Elective	

2nd Semester

Candidacy Examination

T H I R D Y E A R

1st Semester 6 units

Comm 300	6
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Notes:

1. Comm electives are courses offered in the Department other than the core courses indicated in the curriculum. Free electives include CMC courses outside of Communication, as well as Humanities and Social Sciences Course.

2. The students track will be identified in consultation with the program adviser.



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PHD COMMUNICATION COURSE PLAN

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in COMMUNICATION 48 units

APPROVAL

117th UPD UC : 11 April 2011 | President AEPascual : 06 June 2011

F I R S T Y E A R

1st Semester 12 units

Comm 301	3
CMC Elective	3
CMC Elective	3
Cognate (Hum/Soc Sci)	3

2nd Semester 12 units

Comm 306	3
Comm 307	3
CMC Elective	3
Cognate (Hum/Soc Sci)	3

S E C O N D Y E A R

1st Semester 12 units

CMC Elective	3
CMC Elective	3
CMC Elective	3
Cognate (Hum/Soc Sci)	3

2nd Semester 12 units

Comm 400	12
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