



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Andrews  University

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: COMMUNICATION

Welcome to the Graduate School at Andrews University. The faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Communication are glad that you are interested in our graduate program. As the professional market continues to demand higher knowledge, graduate study is progressively a wise and practical career move. Our goal is to connect you with comprehensive instruction—including attention to research, personal student-professor interaction, excellent advising and an emphasis on the spiritual dimensions of the Communication field—that will give you the understanding, practice and competitive edge you need to assume a leadership role in your profession.



OUR PROGRAM OFFERS

FLEXIBILITY

An interdisciplinary degree can be tailored to meet your career goals and vision. Studying at the graduate level in more than one area allows the individual to create a more flexible degree that can ease career change.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Our campus offers unique cultural perspectives from students and teachers alike. With over one quarter of our students from overseas, you connect with a campus that ranks among the nation's top ten universities for ethnic diversity and international student population (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2002).

SMALL CLASS SIZE

In addition to receiving a quality education, graduate classes are small enough to provide a personal learning experience. Classes are often held in a conference style, which promotes involvement, direct discussion and provides an excellent environment for extensive interaction between students and faculty.

A CARING, CHRISTIAN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Because of our low student-to-professor ratio, emphasis on Christian principles, and population with varied backgrounds, Andrews University offers a warm, helpful and supportive atmosphere for your intellectual growth.

ABOUT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MASTER'S DEGREE

An interdisciplinary degree is a unique master's program that allows students to combine two or more areas of study. Mature, capable students are able to virtually create their own graduate degree, tailored to their lives, career goals and the demands of today's diverse work place. This degree is for students seeking advanced-level communication skills in combination with knowledge and skills in another area. The communication core is complemented and supplemented by the secondary area(s), which may be chosen from the disciplines of business, international languages, health care, the arts or the humanities.

CHOOSE ANDREWS

As employers increasingly seek good communication skills and training in more than one area, the Andrews degree is responsive to the demands of an ever-competitive job market. Offering unique perspective and instruction, the Andrews program encompasses more than textbooks and theory. While giving you the knowledge and skills you need to survive in today's professional world, you also become part of a supportive Christian community. You will experience beneficial, uplifting relationships with professors and fellow students within a close-knit department that cares about your success. Here, you connect with an intellectual and highly multicultural community that aims to help you strengthen and broaden your mind, spirit and world view.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The diversity of the career opportunities available to you with an interdisciplinary education is impossible to limit. The core provides you with solid skills in the theory and practice of communication among individuals and groups in professional, personal and intercultural settings. The student determines the secondary area of study. Therefore, any position requiring an aptitude for dealing with people, relationships and diplomacy in the areas of business, teaching, health care, the arts or the humanities are career options for a person holding this interdisciplinary master's degree. Some possibilities are:

- Advertising
- Community outreach director
- Editor
- Family or health communication
- Human Resources
- International/Intercultural communication
- Management (all areas)
- Nonprofit organization director
- Political/Legal communication
- Public speaking semiotics/Speech writing
- University administrator
- Broadcasting
- Communication education
- Event planning
- Fund-raiser
- International program director
- Journalism
- Motivational speaker
- Performance studies
- Public relations
- Quality inspector
- Visual communication/Theater

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Scholarship availability and distribution varies from year to year. Students willing to work as university staff members, or as teaching or research assistants are more likely to receive financial aid. Connect with the Communication Department for current information.

ARE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Assistantships are available to graduate Communication students. Assistantships range from 10-20 hours per week, and availability is based on departmental and student need. Connect with the Communication department for applications and further information.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The program requires a minimum of 37 semester credits, with at least 25 of these credits in Communication.
- Course work must be approved by the student's supervising committee and consist of Communication courses and courses in at least one other subject area.
- At the end of the program, students must pass a comprehensive examination over the areas selected for the degree.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Graduate courses taken at another recognized, accredited (U.S. or equivalent) institution are evaluated through a petition process, and will be accepted if academic criteria are met. Transfer courses taken less than six years prior to the expected graduation year can be applied to the Andrews University degree. Please see the "Graduate Academic Information" section of the Andrews University bulletin for details.

CORE FACULTY & ADVISORS

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

You must complete and submit all indicated and requested materials included in the Andrews University graduate application packet. You also need to meet the following departmental criteria:

- Obtain a baccalaureate/bachelor degree, with a GPA of at least 2.75. Individuals with a GPA of 2.75–3.00 must submit GRE scores, with the following minimum results: Verbal 500, Quantitative 500 and, because scores are reported differently as of October 2002, Analytical 500 or 4.5, as long as the GRE was taken after that date.
- A minimum of 12 undergraduate semester credits in Communication, Journalism or Public Relations. Students with at least 6 semester credits can fulfill prerequisites in the first year of study and take some graduate courses congruently.
- Submit the MA in Interdisciplinary Studies: Communication Statement of Purpose. The statement must 1) explain why you have chosen this degree, 2) state which other area(s) you plan to study, 3) describe your goals in studying these area(s), and 4) propose how you plan to relate these area(s) to each other and how the combination will meet your personal and professional goals. This statement is used in consultation with a faculty advisor in designing a plan of study, and for evaluating your success at the end of the program. More detailed guidelines for this 1-2 page essay are included in the graduate application packet.

COMMUNICATION CORE

COMM515	Communication Theories	3 credits
COMM520	Communication Research Methodology	3 credits
COMM590	Graduate Seminar in _____	3 credits
	<i>Possible topics include:</i>	
	Conflict Management	
	Prejudice Communication	
	Forgiveness and Teambuilding	
COMM651	Communication Research Seminar I	1-2 credits
COMM652	Communication Research Seminar II	1-2 credits
	Two Projects	4-6 credits
COMM589	Internship/Practicum in Communication	2-3 credits
COMM599	Production Project in Communication	2-3 credits
COMM595	Independent Study	1-4 credits
	Elective Communication Courses	9-12 credits
	Secondary Area	12-15 credits
TOTAL		41-56 credits



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