M.A. PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Communication Studies is an academically-oriented program for students interested in the advanced study of communication theory, rhetorical theory and criticism, and different contexts and modalities of human communication. Students can construct a plan of study tailored to their specific academic interests. It is an appropriate preparatory program for continuing to doctoral studies.

JOURNALISM
The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Journalism is a primarily professionally-oriented program that prepares students for careers in news organizations and related areas in mass media. The program includes courses in print and broadcast management skills, organizational communication, Internet-based reporting, and communication and cultural diversity issues.

MEDIA ARTS
The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Media Arts is a professionally-oriented program emphasizing media production and creative activity, including foundational exposure to theory and research. The program is designed for students who are currently working in the mass media industry and for those who wish to pursue such a career.

MEDIA STUDIES
The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Media Studies is an academically-oriented program for students interested in the advanced study of media effects, media theory, television and film criticism, media and telecommunications policy, and related areas of study in radio, television, and film. It is an appropriate preparatory program for continuing to doctoral studies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION
The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations & Organizational Communication is a professionally-oriented program emphasizing the theory, research, and practice of public relations and its intersection with communication theory. The program is appropriate for those interested in working in public relations, employee relations, media relations, public affairs, issue and crisis management, technical and employee communication, and related activities in business, non-profit, and governmental settings.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION
The M.A. in Dispute Resolution (MADR) offers a professionally-oriented program informed by a multicultural perspective. As an interdisciplinary field, grounded in the fundamental idea that dispute resolution techniques are inherently democratic in giving voice to disputants, the program provides practical and academic experience that constitutes the range of dispute resolution activities: labor and school mediation, commercial arbitration, family counseling, legal negotiation, and international diplomacy.