DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in communication is designed to establish and maintain high standards of scholarly activity while providing excellence in academic instruction at both the theoretical and applied levels. The doctoral program encompasses the full range of quantitative, qualitative, rhetorical and critical approaches to the study of communication in which each student is focused through a Plan of Work that fits the student's interests.

We offer a broad and flexible study of human communication. Students in our program study in diverse areas such as:

- Crisis and Conflict
- Journalism & Mass Media Studies
- Political Communication
- Relational Communication
- Critical, Cultural, & Rhetorical Studies
- Risk and Health Communication
- Social & New Media

We also offer a dual-title Ph.D. in Urban Sustainability. This degree is designed to prepare professionals to solve challenging urban problems that require working across disciplines. Students take courses in topics and develop specific skills relating to urban sustainability. Students in Communication will also conduct an internship or science exchange in Urban Sustainability, help develop and participate in colloquia and seminars, perform community service, and write funding proposals.

We offer competitive Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs), Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs), and Research Fellowships. Assistantships and Fellowships provide living allowance, tuition scholarship, and subsidized medical, vision, and dental insurance.

Advantages of Studying at Wayne State:

Award-winning faculty: nationally, internationally, and university recognized graduate mentors, instructors, and scholars.

Excellent placement rate in both academic and non-academic positions: students get jobs at top colleges and universities and organizations like the CDC, Digital Commerce360, and Henry Ford Hospital.

Student/faculty research teams: several grant funded and interest-driven collaboration between students and faculty to produce groundbreaking scholarship.