

Masters of Arts in Communication Studies

at San Francisco State University

Mission Statement

The Masters of Arts program in Communication Studies at SF State prepares students for communication-related careers that require an advanced degree. We invite students into a life of engaged scholarly inquiry in Communication Studies with a focus on social justice.



Our Program

Our degree can be completed in two years and includes 8 seminars plus a culminating experience. Most seminars are offered in the evenings to accommodate a full-time work schedule.

Required coursework includes Introduction to Graduate Study, a research method course, 4 content seminars, and 2 electives.

Students can work with faculty in many areas of expertise including:

- Culture and Communication
- Gender Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Language and Social Interaction
- Organizational Communication
- Performance Theory and Practice
- Rhetoric
- Sexual Identity and Communication
- Social Criticism
- Diverse Methodological Perspectives
- Health Communication
- Social Media

Electives may be taken outside the department to assist in personalizing a program of study.

Students complete their degree with a choice of a Master's Thesis, Creative Project, or Comprehensive Exams.

Career Outlook

Our program and its students mirror the diversity and cultural richness of the San Francisco Bay Area. Graduates with an M.A. in Communication Studies from San Francisco State University follow a diverse range of career paths.

While some students focus on developing teaching skills and find jobs teaching at two-year community colleges, others aim to continue their studies in Ph.D. programs. Still others develop careers in communication-related fields in both the public and private sectors in areas such as human resources, sales, customer service, public relations, non-profit, community organizing, political activism, educational institutions, and more.

Teaching Opportunities

Many students choose to develop depth of knowledge in pedagogy and experience in teaching through our Graduate Teaching Associate program, which begins with our Teaching Communication course and paired internship.

Admission

We accept applications in the spring for a fall program start the following year. Applicants are competitively selected on the basis of the following admission materials:

- A statement of purpose
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Scores on the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- A writing sample that demonstrates the applicant's best written work

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More details about our Graduate Program admissions process and requirements can be found at:

communicationstudies.sfsu.edu/graduate-program