



School of Communication  
San Diego State University

## **Master of Arts in Communication**

### **NCA 2019 Outstanding Master's Program**

The MA program in Communication at San Diego State University has a long history of nurturing graduate students and training them for careers in higher education and the private and public sectors. The SDSU School of Communication faculty and students embody its core values of Advancing Knowledge, Promoting Fairness, Respect, and Justice, Fostering Relationships, and Enhancing the Public Good.

**Fall Admission Only**  
(To apply, [click here!](#))

For GTA consideration: February 1st,  
2021 Application Deadline: March 1st, 2021

Our dedication to these core values is illustrated in our mission to make an **IMPACT** through:

Innovating communication teaching and research;

Mentoring in the communication research process;

Partnering with others in educational, research, institutional, and community contexts;

Asking questions, **A**cknowledging issues, and **A**ssessing answers that advance the discipline;

Communicating this mission across contexts;

Transforming teaching and research into communicative excellence, and **T**ranslating our work for the public good.

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Through program innovation, collaborative research development, and faculty mentorship, the SDSU School of Communication provides quality education for its MA students, who find success in and outside of academia.

We are able to accomplish this in part because of the diverse research interests of the faculty and our place in SDSU's College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, itself a hub of research spanning fine arts, public policy, theatre and film, and communication. Faculty research illustrates this spirit of innovation and synthesis among varied areas of research.



### ***Graduate Teaching Associate Positions***

GTA instruction of COMM 103 (public speaking) is built into the structure of our institution, serving over 4,000 first-year students per year. These GTAs are mentored by the Basic Course Director. A smaller number of MA students are mentored through their participation in the SDSU Forensics program. These students comprise the coaching staff who work under the supervision of the Director of Forensics.



### ***What can our program offer you?***

- Opportunities to work with top faculty in the field of Communication
- Diverse learning environment
- Support from faculty and other graduate students
- Seminars that challenge students and promote academic and professional growth
- Preparation for Ph.D. or post-graduate careers
- Opportunity to study abroad

### ***Program of Study (& number of courses)***

Core Theory and Methods - 1  
Communication Theory - 5  
Research Tools - 2  
Electives - 1  
Thesis or Additional Course - 1

### ***Seminar Highlights***

Health Communication  
Organizational Communication  
Intercultural Communication  
Quantitative Methods  
Ethnographic Methods  
Critical-Rhetorical Methods  
Conversation Analysis