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.

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, Acknowledging issues, and Assessing answers that advance the discipline;
Communicating this mission across contexts;
Transforming teaching and research into communicative excellence, and Translating our work for the public good.

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Fall Admission Only
(To apply, click here!)
For GTA consideration: February 1st, 2021
Application Deadline: March 1st, 2021
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
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Seminar Highlights

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