

Division of Communication

These PhD as well as the MPhil in Communication programmes are offered by the School of Journalism and Communication to facilitate the training of researchers of high academic caliber.

MPhil in Communication / PhD in Communication

Admission Code: COM

Programme

MPhil in Communication

This two-year programme is research-oriented. It aims at training communication specialists who plan to pursue further studies, or to become media professionals, executives, researchers, consultants, government officials, etc. Students are required to complete a minimum of 21 units, in addition to a thesis, in order to graduate.

PhD in Communication

This research programme aims at training communication students who plan to become researchers, university teachers, consultants, executives, professionals, etc. A total of at least 30 units are required for graduation. Advancement to PhD candidature is conditional upon the passing of a qualifying examination. Students should at least have one refereed international conference presentation that requires submission of full paper and one single-authored or coauthored refereed Chinese or English-language journal article of any tier accepted/published before their graduation.

Please visit the Division's homepage for more information.

Fields of Specialization

- Advertising & Marketing Communications Studies
- Audience & Reception Studies
- Critical & Cultural Studies
- Gender, Queer & Media
- Health Communication
- History of Communication
- Information & Communication Technology
- Intercultural & Development Communication
- International Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Mass Communication
- Media Law, Ethics & Policy
- Media Management & Economics
- Media Psychology
- Minorities & Communication

- Newspaper & Journalism Studies
- Organization & Group Communication
- Political Communication
- Political Economy of Communication
- Popular Culture & Entertainment Studies
- Public Relations Studies
- Visual Communication

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School¹, applicants of any discipline may apply.

For MPhil programme, preference will be given to applicants with a solid background in social science and well-developed research interest in journalism/communication.

Preference will also be given to applicants with a TOEFL score of 580 or above (or computer-based score of 237 or above, or internet-based score of 92 or above) or a IELTS score of 7 or above, or possess a pass grade in English in one of the following examinations: H.K. Advanced Level Examination (AS Level), H.K. Higher Level Examination, CUHK Matriculation Examination, have a degree from a university in Hong Kong or an English speaking country, or achieve level 4 or above in the English Subject of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination.

Applicants are required to furnish proof of their research potential in form of a) a research proposal; b) three letters of reference from academic sources; and c) good undergraduate academic records.

Additional Application Information

Admission Advisor

Prof. Francis L.F. LEE

Application Deadline

1 December 2016

PhD applications will be considered mainly in this first round of admission. Preference will be given to those applying for the PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)².

31 January 2017

Mainly for MPhil applications. PhD applications will be considered subject to the availability of vacancies.

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¹ For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 16-17.

² For information on HKPFS, please refer to page 17.