Design a unique program of study that encompasses a background in communication research and theory, and a concentration in media, integrated communication, or communication studies.
The School of Communication offers a Master of Arts intended for students seeking an advanced degree that provides breadth and depth in the study of face-to-face and mediated communication. The program offers a flexible and unique blend of the social sciences and the humanities. Coursework and research opportunities are designed for students who wish to pursue scholarly interests in the fields of communication, media, advertising, public relations, or organizational communication. The program allows students flexibility in the selection of course work and encourages students to decide, in consultation with an advisor, the extent to which they wish greater breadth or a more narrow focus in their study of communication.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS
The applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) from an accredited collegiate institution. Applicants without substantive work experience will be expected to have a B average in the undergraduate major.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
The admissions review committee will consider only complete applications. All materials should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admission Office
CC231
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:
» An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
» A non-refundable application fee of $50 for domestic applicants.
» Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework, forwarded to the University of Hartford.
» International transcripts must be evaluated through the World Education Services (WES) at wes.org.
» A letter of intent as specified.
» Three letters of recommendation.
» Official results of the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) are required for teaching internships and recommended for all other applicants. Forward scores to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Visit ets.org.

Our graduate classes typically have 10 to 20 students, just the right size for dynamic class discussions, active learning through projects and presentations, and close relationships between faculty and students. Faculty get to know you and offer more personal and individualized instruction. Conveniently scheduled in the evening, our classes have a rich mixture of traditional full-time graduate students and working professionals taking a class or two each term. Our students come from a broad range of backgrounds.
International applicants

» TOEFL—Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 80 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at: pearsonpte.com. The IELTS is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.

» Transcript evaluation—transcript must be evaluated by the World Evaluation Services (WES). Visit wes.org. The evaluation, at a minimum, should indicate that the student has completed the equivalent of four-year bachelor’s degree at a U.S. regionally accredited institution. The $50 application fee will be waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.

» Guarantor’s Statement—As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx as estimated expenses.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE
Graduate students in the School of Communication are charged the per credit-hour rate. See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

FINANCIAL AID
Domestic Financial Aid
Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:

» File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

» Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally accepted).

» Be registered for at least 6 credits per semester. For more information, call 800.947.4303, email finaid@hartford.edu, or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid.

International Financial Aid
Financial aid for international graduate students may be available in the form of a teaching internship in the School of Communication or as a graduate assistant in another program.

Assistantships and Internships
There are a small number of internships available in the School of Communication that cover the base tuition and a small stipend for up to two years. Students who are awarded an internship gain skills in teaching and research. Interns may teach laboratory sections of introductory classes in communication, as well as assist faculty with research as part of their training. Please note that assistantships, fellowships, or other support a student receives as a result of his or her enrollment may have an impact on Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.

DEADLINES AND DATES
Students are admitted into the School of Communication for the summer, fall, or spring semesters. Applications are accepted year-round, but students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Those applying for a teaching internship must apply by March 1. The admission committee will review complete applications in the order in which they are received. Students who wish to explore the program prior to formal admission may enroll in up to 6 credits of graduate course work.

To secure enrollment to the program, a non-refundable tuition deposit must be submitted. The deposit is applied directly to the tuition bill and is not an additional fee. Once accepted into the program, visit admission.hartford.edu/depositonline to submit the deposit.
PROGRAM OF STUDY
THE MA IN COMMUNICATION REQUIRES 33 CREDITS.

The program provides an opportunity for the student to work closely with a faculty advisor. Together, student and advisor design a unique program of study that encompasses a background in communication research and theory, and a concentration in media, integrated communication, or communication studies. Degree requirements include a thesis or a comprehensive written examination addressing the student's area of specialization.

THE CENTER FOR GRADUATE AND ADULT ACADEMIC SERVICES WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT A DEGREE PROGRAM OR ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BY EMAIL AT GRADSTUDY@HARTFORD.EDU OR BY PHONE AT 860.768.4371 OR 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the Communication program, contact:

- Branko Kovacic, PhD
  Graduate Program Director
  860.768.4631
  kovacic@hartford.edu

The School of Communication’s graduate course offerings extend beyond those listed in the Graduate Bulletin. Such courses have dealt with issues such as gender and communication, new media, political communication, and global public relations strategies.

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Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January.

Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents