



**Department of
Communication Studies**
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Graduate Program Admissions

Applying to the MA, PhD, or Accelerated PhD program requires submitting some materials to the Graduate School and some materials directly to the Department of Communication Studies.

Application Deadlines

All application materials, including those required by the Graduate School, and those required by the Department of Communication Studies must be submitted by January 5, 2024. Your application will not receive full consideration if it is not complete by the deadline. Acceptance letters will go out between January 15th and April 15th.

Application Materials

Your application will be reviewed by the Department Graduate Admissions Committee when all of the materials itemized below have been submitted:

1. The Graduate School application: All information regarding application materials (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc..) submitted directly to the Graduate School may be found here: <http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/prospective-students/domestic-application-information/requirements/application-forms/>

In addition, you will need the following information:

Degree Objective: PhD (840A) or MA (840)

Major: Communication Studies

GRE code: 5813

Number of letters of recommendation: 3

Please note that international applicants need to provide additional materials to the Graduate School above and beyond what is required of domestic applicants. Also, please know that to be considered for a teaching assistantship, you must have a TOEFL iBT speaking score of at least 26 or an IELTS score of at least 7.5.

2. The department application. Email all department materials including the cover sheet (below on page 3); curriculum vitae; answers to 4 question prompts regarding graduate study (below on page 5); and writing sample as one continuous (1) .pdf to Graduate

Coordinator Assistant, at csgcoord@uga.edu. You can also reach the Graduate Coordinator Assistant by phone at 706-542-4893.

Assistantships

Five types of assistantships may be available to graduate students.

Types of Assistance:

- UGA Presidential Graduate Fellowships: This program provides exceptionally qualified graduate students enrolled at the University of Georgia with an annual twelve month stipend and a reduced matriculation fee. Applicants are nominated by departments. More information can be found [here](#).
- Graduate School Research Assistantships (GSRAs): Each year the Graduate School selects graduate research assistants from a list of applicants nominated by departments. More information can be found [here](#).
- Departmental Teaching Assistantships: Each year the department awards a number of graduate teaching assistantships. Most persons holding teaching assistantships assist with large lecture courses, or assist with or teach the basic public speaking course (COMM 1110), or the basic interpersonal communication course (COMM 1500).
- Debate Program Assistantship: The department sponsors an assistantship for those qualified to work with the University's debate program. Please contact John Stupek at john.stupek25@uga.edu, Director of Debate, for more information on the debate assistantship.
- Research Assistantships: The availability and nature of research assistantships depends upon external grants that have been produced by faculty. The graduate coordinator will inform you of any individual faculty who may have need for funded research assistants.

**Application for Admission
Department of Communication Studies
Graduate Studies Program**

All application materials are due no later than January 5, 2024. Do not forget that you must also submit additional application materials directly to the UGA Graduate School.

About You:

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| Name: | Telephone Number: |
| Address: | E-mail: |

Program Interests:

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| <p>I am applying for admission to the (check all that apply):</p> <p>_____ PhD program (MA earned by start of program is required)</p> <p>_____ Accelerated 5 year PhD program (BA or BS earned by start of program is required)</p> <p>_____ MA program (BA or BS earned by start of program is required)</p> | <p>The area of study I am interested in is (check 1):</p> <p>_____ Interpersonal & Health Communication Studies</p> <p>_____ Rhetorical Studies</p> |
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Type of Assistantship I am interested in (check all that apply):

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| _____ Teaching Assistantship | _____ Research Assistantship |
| _____ Debate Assistantship | _____ Graduate School Assistantship |
| _____ I do NOT need financial assistance | |

Additional materials (submitted as one pdf):

1. **Current resume or curriculum vitae.**
2. **Answer to these four questions:**
 - a. Why do you intend to pursue a PhD or an MA in Communication Studies?
 - b. What educational or work experience has prepared you for graduate work?
 - c. Which faculty research interests are of particular interest to you?
 - d. Why do you think that you should be considered for any of the assistantships that you checked above?
3. **Sample of your writing.** Specifically, 7-20 pages of academic writing, e.g., a class paper, convention paper, or published work. Indicate for what purpose and the date that the paper was originally written. If you are submitting a class, conference, or published paper with multiple authors, indicate your role in the paper.

Send all department application materials as **one (1) .pdf** to csgcoord@uga.edu. It is very important that you send all materials as **one (1) pdf**.