



School of Journalism
and Mass Communication
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Graduate Program



Top-Tier Ranking

UW-Madison ranks fourth in the world for communication studies. Our doctoral program in mass communications, jointly administered with the Department of Life Sciences Communication, is one of the most prestigious in the nation.

Vibrant Community Life

Madison is a vibrant place to live, work and play. The community is well-known for international diversity, a politically engaged population and a thriving economy. A dynamic hub famous for art, music and food, the city boasts natural beauty and changing seasons.

World-Class Faculty

Both Ph.D. and M.A. graduate students have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty members who are among the most prolific and most frequently-cited researchers in the world.



Excellent Placement Rate

We place 87% of our Ph.D. graduates in university positions, with 47% in top-tier research institutions.

Our Top-Ranked Faculty

Chris Cascio

communication neuroscience

Kate Christy

health communication

Kathleen Bartzen Culver

media ethics and digital practices

Greg Downey

information labor, history

Lucas Graves

news organizations, technologies & practices

Young Mie Kim

politics in the digital age

Kathryn McGarr

history of journalism, politics

Doug McLeod

social conflict, public opinion

Lindsay Palmer

media ethics and conflict coverage

Karyn Riddle

media effects, media violence

Sue Robinson

journalism, technology, power, civic engagement

Hernando Rojas

political communication, international comm

Dhavan Shah

ICTs, political communication, health comm

Michael Wagner

media, politics and democracy

Sijia Yang

computational methods, health communication



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Faculty Associates

Stacy Forster

multimedia journalism,
strategic communication

Matt Hermann

reporting, sports communication

Pete Long

strategic communication

Debra Pierce

strategic communication



Emeritus Faculty Consultants

James Danky

African-American press, comics and
pop media

Robert Drechsel

media law and ethics

Lewis Friedland

civic and political communication

Al Gunther

media psychology, health communication

Robert Hawkins

mass communication effects, health
communication

Jack McLeod

media effects & political communication

Hemant Shah

race & media, international comm

Steve Vaughn

media history

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