ACCREDITATION

Stanford University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501; (510) 748-9001. In addition, certain programs of the University have specialized accreditation. For information, contact the Office of the University Registrar.

Stanford University is committed to complying with the following requirements enumerated by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in its accreditation process:

"Core Commitment to Institutional Capacity—The institution functions with clear purposes, high levels of institutional integrity, fiscal stability, and organizational structures to fulfill its purposes.

"Commitment to Educational Effectiveness—The institution evidences clear and appropriate educational objectives and design at the institutional and program level. The institution employs processes of review, including the collection and use of data, which ensure delivery of programs and learner accomplishments at a level of performance appropriate for the degree or certificate awarded."

For more information, see the University's WASC Accreditation web site.

Also, see the President Hennessy's statement (pdf) on Stanford's fulfilment of the Core Commitments to Institutional Capacity and Educational Effectiveness.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Stanford University admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. Consistent with its obligations under the law, it prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against students or applicants for admission, or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding this policy: the Director of the Diversity and Access Office, Mariposa House, 585 Capistrano Way, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-8230; (650) 723-0755 (voice), (650) 723-1216 (TTY), (650) 723-1791 (fax), equal.opportunity@stanford.edu (email).
accepted. The University remains committed to a broad-based graduate education in the humanities: the courses, colloquium, and symposium continue to be offered, and the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages provides advising for students already enrolled who may contact Denise Winters at 650-724-1333 for further information. Courses are listed under the subject code HUMNTIES and may be viewed on the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site.

CLASSICS AND A MINOR FIELD

The Ph.D. in Classics may be combined with a minor in another field, such as anthropology, history, humanities, or classical linguistics. Requirements for the minor field vary, but might be expected to involve about six-graduate-level courses in the field and one written examination, plus a portion of the University oral exam (dissertation defense). Such a program is expected to take five years. The department encourages such programs for especially able and well prepared students. See the department Graduate Handbook for more information. The following timetable would be typical for a five-year program:

First Year: course work, almost entirely in Classics. One translation exam taken in June. One or both modern language exams taken.

Second Year: course work, both in Classics and the minor field. Second translation exam completed. French and German exams completed.

Third Year: course work, both in Classics and the minor field. General examinations in Classics.

Fourth Year: remaining course work, both in Classics and the minor field. General examination in the minor field. Preparation for dissertation.

Fifth Year: dissertation, University oral examination.

PH.D. MINOR IN CLASSICS

For a graduate minor, the department recommends at least 20 units in Latin or Greek at the 100 level or above, and at least one course at the graduate (200) level.

OVERSEAS STUDIES COURSES IN CLASSICS

For course descriptions and additional offerings, see the listings in the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site (http://explorecourses.stanford.edu) or the Bing Overseas Studies web site (http://bosp.stanford.edu). Students should consult their department or program's student services office for applicability of Overseas Studies courses to a major or minor program.

WINTER QUARTER

FLORENCE

• OSPFLOR 43. The Invention of the Book. 3-5 units, Reviel Netz, GER:DB:Hum
• OSPFLOR 45. Harmony: Ancient Science in the Italian Renaissance. 3-5 units, Reviel Netz, GER:DB:Hum

COMMUNICATION

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Courses offered by the Department of Communication are listed under the subject code COMM on the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site.

Stanford's Department of Communication focuses on media in all its forms. The department studies the processes and effects of mass communication: the nature and social role of the various media; their structure, function, and ethics; and their impact on the political system, culture, and society. In this context, it considers not only traditional mass media, such as newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and film, but also information technology, online media, virtual reality, and the Internet. Students are trained as social scientists who can study the media and as potential practitioners in the use of the media in journalism, mass communications, and digital media. The department combines theory and practice and fosters individual research opportunities for its students, employing both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

The Department of Communication engages in research in communication and offers curricula leading to the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. The M.A. prepares students for a career in journalism. The department also offers current Stanford University undergraduates a coterminal program with an M.A. emphasis in Media Studies. The Ph.D. degree leads to careers in university teaching and research-related specialties.

The Institute for Communication Research offers research experience primarily to advanced Ph.D. students.

The John S. Knight Fellowships Program brings outstanding journalists to the University to study and do research for an academic year. While here, they focus on issues, challenges and opportunities of journalism innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership. The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation sponsors twelve U.S. journalists. They are joined by eight international Fellows sponsored by the Lyle and Corrine Nelson International Fellowship Fund, the Knight Foundation, Yahoo! Inc., the Shinyoung Journalism Fund and others.

MISSION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION

The mission of the undergraduate program in Communication is to expose students to a broad-based understanding of communication theory and research. Students in this major are expected to become familiar with the fundamental concerns, theoretical approaches, and methods of the field, and to acquire advanced knowledge in one or more sub-areas of the discipline. This is accomplished by several levels of study: a core curriculum; intermediate-level electives; and internships. Majors also have the opportunity to do advanced research projects. The department is committed to providing students with analytical and critical skills needed for success in graduate programs, professional schools, or immediate career entry.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

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1. an understanding of core knowledge within the discipline of communications.
2. the ability to communicate ideas clearly and persuasively in writing.
3. the ability to analyze a problem and draw correct inferences using qualitative and/or quantitative analysis.
4. the ability to evaluate theory and critique research within the discipline of communications.

ADMISSION

Prospective Undergraduates—Applications are available online at http://admission.stanford.edu
Prospective Coterminous Students—Applications are available online at http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Registrar/files/CoterminApplic.pdf
Prospective Graduate Students—Applications are available online at http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu.

The department requires that applicants for graduate admission submit verbal and quantitative scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Admission to each graduate degree program is competitive, based on the pool of applicants each year rather than on standard criteria that can be stated in advance. The GRE should be taken no later than early November prior to the early December application deadline.

THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

The Institute is an office of project research for the faculty of the Department of Communication and operates under grants to faculty from government, industry, and non-profit organizations. Research assistantships are often available to qualified Ph.D. students in Communication.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

PREPARATION

Before declaring the major, students must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in one of the following:
COMM 1A. Media Technologies, People, and Society or COMM 1B. Media, Culture, and Society
COMM 106. Communication Research Methods
COMM 108. Media Processes and Effects

Students interested in declaring the major should apply via Axess and meet with the student services administrator in Building 120, Room 110A, during scheduled office hours. Students are required to take at least 60 units (approximately 12 courses), not counting statistics, to complete the major.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The undergraduate curriculum is intended for liberal arts students who wish to develop an understanding of communication in society, drawing on the perspective of the social sciences. Undergraduates majoring in Communication are expected to become acquainted with the fundamental concerns, theoretical approaches and methods of the field, and to acquire advanced knowledge in one or more of the sub-areas of communication: institutions, processes, and effects.

While the department does not attempt to provide comprehensive practical training at the undergraduate level, the curriculum provides a diverse range of internship opportunities including professional print journalism, some of which are funded by the department’s Rebele Internship Program.

The department is committed to providing students with analytical and critical skills for future success in graduate programs, professional schools, or immediate career entry.

The major is structured to provide several levels of study: a core curriculum, intended to expose students to a broad-based understanding of communication theory and research, and a number of intermediate-level options and electives. Majors also have the opportunity to do advanced research in the form of senior projects and honors theses.

All undergraduate majors are required to complete a set of core communication courses which include COMM 1A. Media Technologies, People, and Society (5 units) or COMM 1B. Media, Culture, and Society (5 units); COMM 106. Communication Research Methods (5 units); COMM 108. Media Processes and Effects (5 units), and COMM 120. Digital Media in Society (WIM, 5 units). Core courses are usually given only once each year.

The department also requires completion of or concurrent registration in an introductory statistics course (STATS 60 or PSYCH 10) prior to registration in COMM 106. Communication Research Methods, in preparation for courses in methodology and advanced courses in communication processes and effects. It is recommended that this be done as soon as possible so as not to prevent registration in a course requiring statistical understanding. The statistics course does not count toward the 60 units to complete the Communication major.

In addition to the core courses and the statistics requirement, undergraduate majors select courses from the areas described below. Many of the courses require core courses as prerequisites. Majors select a total of four area courses, taking at least one from each area.

Area I: Communication Processes and Effects—Area I emphasizes the ways in which communication scholars conduct research in, and consider the issues of, human communication. These studies aim to provide expert guidance for social policy makers and media professionals and include the following courses: COMM 137, 160, 162, 166, 168, 169, 172, 326.

Area II: Communication Systems and Institutions—Area II considers the roles and interaction of institutions such as broadcasting, journalism, constitutional law, and business within communication and mass communication contexts and includes the following courses: COMM 104, 116, 117, 120, 125, 131, 140, 147, 182, 212.

The remainder of the 60 required units may be fulfilled with any elective Communication courses or cross listed courses in other departments.

To be recommended for the B.A. degree in Communication, the student must complete at least 60 units (approximately 12 courses) in the department. No more than 10 units of course work outside of the department, transfer credit, or Summer Session credit may be applied to meet department requirements. Communication majors must receive a letter grade for all Communication courses unless they are offered only for satisfactory/no credit (S/NC), and must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) in courses towards the major. Only courses with a grade of C- or above count towards the major.

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program provides undergraduates the opportunity to undertake a significant program of research in an individual professor/student mentoring relationship. The aim is to guide students through the process of research, analysis, drafting, rethinking, and redrafting, which is essential to excellence in scholarship. Working one-on-one with a faculty adviser, seniors earn 15 Communication units, culminating in an honors thesis. In order to be eligible for the honors program, interested majors must have: (1) successfully completed both a research methods and statistics course, (2) selected an adviser, and (3) submitted an application to the department by the end of their junior year. An application may be picked up outside Room 110, Building 120.

Students are expected to make steady progress on their honors thesis throughout the year. A final copy of the honors thesis must be read and approved by the adviser and submitted to the department by the eighth week of Spring Quarter (exact date to be arranged). It becomes part of a permanent record held by the department. Honors work may be used to fulfill communication elective credit but must be completed and a letter grade submitted prior to graduation. A student
MEDI A STUDIES COTERM INAL MASTER'S
PROGRAM

The Department of Communication offers current Stanford University undergraduates a one-year coterminal program with an M.A. emphasis in Media Studies specializing in either social sciences or journalism. University requirements for the coterminal M.A. are described in the “Coterminal Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees” section of this bulletin. For University coterminal degree program rules and University application forms, see http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/publications/Coterm.

Admission—Applications for coterminal study must be submitted at least four quarters in advance of the expected master’s degree conferral date. Applicants must have earned a minimum of 120 units toward graduation (UTG) as shown on the undergraduate unofficial transcript. This includes allowable advanced placement (AP) and transfer credit. Applications must be submitted no later than November 17, 2010 for admission beginning in either Winter or Spring Quarter 2010-11 or Autumn Quarter 2011-12. Journalism track students may begin the program only in Spring Quarter of their senior year. Requirements include: Application for Admission to Coterminal Master’s Program form, preliminary program proposal, statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation from Stanford professors, a written statement from a Communication professor agreeing to act as a graduate adviser (social sciences track only), three samples of writing (journalism track only), and a current unofficial Stanford transcript. GRE scores are not required. Coterminal applications are submitted directly to the department. Review procedures and the Graduate Admissions Committee determine criteria.

Requirements—The Media Studies coterminal master’s program provides a broad introduction to scholarly literature in mass communication and offers a social sciences or journalism track. Journalism track students may begin the program only in Spring Quarter of their senior year during which time one elective course is taken towards the master's program and any remaining requirements for the undergraduate degree are completed. In the following academic year journalism track students follow the same curriculum as students in the Graduate Program in Journalism (see Master of Arts-Journalism section), less one elective course. Journalism track students may be required to complete more than 45 units. Social Science track students need to satisfy the following four basic requirements:

1. Required Units and GPA: students must complete a minimum of 45 units in Communication and related areas, including items 2 and 3 below. Courses must be taken for a letter grade if offered. Courses in related areas outside the department must be approved by the student’s adviser. A minimum of 36 units must be in the Communication department. No more than two courses (not including the statistics prerequisite) may be below the 200 level. To remain in good academic standing students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. Graduation requires a GPA of 3.0 or better.

2. Core Requirements: students must complete COMM 206, 208, and a statistics course. Typically, the statistics requirement is met with STATS 160. Other courses occasionally are approved as a substitute before the student is admitted to the program. The statistics course does not count toward the 45 units.

3. Six Media Studies Courses: students must complete a minimum of six additional Communication courses from the following list concerned with the study of media. Not all the listed courses are offered every year, and the list may be updated from one year to the next. In addition to the core requirements and a minimum of six courses listed below, students may choose additional courses from the list and any related course approved by the student’s adviser.

   - COMM 211. Media Technologies, People, and Society
   - COMM 216. Journalism Law
   - COMM 217. Digital Journalism
   - COMM 220. Digital Media in Society

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The Media Studies M.A. Project: students following the social sciences track enroll in COMM 290 to complete a project over two consecutive quarters that must be pre-approved and supervised by the adviser. The completed M.A. project must be submitted to the adviser no later than the last day of classes of the second consecutive quarter.

Additional courses are chosen in consultation with an academic adviser.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

University requirements for the master’s degree are described in the “Graduate Degrees” section of this bulletin.

The department awards a terminal M.A. degree in Communication with a field of study in Journalism. Applicants for this program are evaluated for admission on different criteria. Work to fulfill graduate degree requirements must be in courses numbered 100 or above.

Stanford students who are completing an M.A. degree and who desire entry into the Ph.D. program must file a Graduate Program Authorization Petition on Axess. Such students are considered alongside all other doctoral applicants.

JOURNALISM

Stanford’s graduate program in Journalism focuses on the knowledge and skills required to report, analyze, and write authoritatively about public issues and digital media. The curriculum combines a sequence of specialized reporting and writing courses with seminars and courses devoted to deepening the students’ understanding of the roles and responsibilities of American news media in their coverage of public issues.

The program emphasizes preparation for the practice of journalism and a critical perspective from which to understand it. The program’s objective is twofold: (1) to graduate talented reporters and writers to foster public understanding of the significance and consequences of public issues and the debates they engender; and (2) to graduate thoughtful journalists to respond openly and eloquently when called on to explain and defend the methods of their reporting and the quality of their writing.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes several required courses, examples of which are shown below, and a master’s project:

- COMM 225. Perspectives on American Journalism
- COMM 231. Media Ethics and Responsibility
- COMM 237. The Dialogue of Democracy
- COMM 240. Digital Media Entrepreneurship
- COMM 247. History and Future of Journalism
- COMM 260. The Press and the Political Process
- COMM 262. Analysis of Political Campaigns
- COMM 266. Virtual People
- COMM 268. Experimental Research in Advanced User Interfaces
- COMM 269. Computers and Interfaces: Psychology and Design
- COMM 272. Media Psychology
- COMM 277. Specialized Writing and Reporting
- COMM 326. Human Virtual Representation

4. The Media Studies M.A. Project: students following the social sciences track enroll in COMM 290 to complete a project over two consecutive quarters that must be pre-approved and supervised by the adviser. The completed M.A. project must be submitted to the adviser no later than the last day of classes of the second consecutive quarter.

Additional courses are chosen in consultation with an academic adviser.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMMUNICATION

University requirements for the Ph.D. are described in the "Graduate Degrees" section of this bulletin. The minimum number of academic units required for the Ph.D. at Stanford is 135, up to 45 of which can be transferred either from a master’s degree at the University or from another accredited institution.

The department offers a Ph.D. in Communication Theory and Research. First-year students are required to complete introductory courses in communication theory and research, research methods, and statistics. These core courses, grounded in the social science literature, emphasize how people respond to media and how media institutions function. In addition, Ph.D. students must complete a minimum of three literature survey courses and related advanced seminars in Communication. Students also take significant course work outside the department in their area of interest. Each student builds a research specialty relating communication to current faculty interests in such areas as ethics, human-computer interactions, information processing, information technology, law, online communities, politics and voting, virtual reality, and youth and media. Regardless of the area of specialization, the Ph.D. program is designed primarily for students interested in university research and teaching or other research or analyst positions.

The Ph.D. program encompasses four years of graduate study (subsequent to completion of the B.A. degree) during which, in addition to fulfilling University residency requirements, Ph.D. candidates are required to:

1. Complete all departmental course requirements with grades of ‘B+’ or above. Currently these courses include COMM 206, 208, 301, 311, 314, 317, and 318. Students are also required to take STATS 160 and two advanced methods courses.
2. Pass the general qualifying examinations by the end of the second academic year of study and pass a specialized area examination by the end of the third academic year of study.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in tools required in the area of research specialization. Identified with the advice of the faculty, such tools may include detailed theoretical knowledge, advanced statistical methods, a foreign language, computer programming, or other technical skills.
4. Complete at least two pre-dissertation research projects (the Major Project and the Complementary Project).
5. Teach or assist in teaching at least two courses, preferably two different courses, at least one of which is ideally a core undergraduate course (COMM 1A, 1B, 106, and 108).
6. Complete a dissertation proposal and proposal meeting approved by the dissertation committee.
7. Apply for candidacy by the end of the second year of graduate study.
8. Complete a dissertation satisfactory to a reading committee of three or more faculty members in the Department of Communication and one faculty member outside of the Department of Communication.
9. Pass the University oral examination, which is a defense of the dissertation.

Because the multifaceted nature of the department makes it possible for the Ph.D. student to specialize in areas that draw on different related disciplines, the plan of study is individualized and developed between the faculty adviser and the student. Ph.D. candidacy is valid for five years.

Other requirements and details of the requirements can be found in the document, *Official Rules and Procedures for the Ph.D. in the Department of Communication*, available from the student services administrator of the department.

**PH.D. MINOR IN COMMUNICATION**

Candidates for the Ph.D. degree in other departments who elect a minor in Communication are required to complete a minimum of 20 units of graduate courses in the Department of Communication, including a total of three theory or research methods courses, and are examined by a representative of the department. A department adviser in consultation with the individual student determines the particular communication theory and methods courses.

**OVERSEAS STUDIES COURSES IN COMMUNICATION**

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**AUTUMN QUARTER**

**BEIJING**

OSPBEIJ 42. Chinese Media Studies. 4 units, Kun Li, GER:DB: SocSci

**WINTER QUARTER**

**FLORENCE**

OSPFLOR 49. The Cinema Goes to War: Fascism and World War II As Represented in Italian and European Cinema. 5 units, Er melinda Campani, GER:DB: Hum

**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

Emeriti: (Professors) Joseph Frank, John Freccero, René Girard, Herbert Lindenberger, Mary Pratt; (Courtesy Professors) W. B. Carnochan, Gerald Gillespie, David G. Halliburton, Marjorie G. Perloff

Director: David Palumbo-Liu
Chair of Graduate Admissions: Monika Greenleaf
Chair of Graduate Studies: Hans U. Gumbrecht
Chair of Undergraduate Studies: Margaret Cohen

Professors: John Bender (English, Comparative Literature, on leave Spring), Russell Berman (German Studies, Comparative Literature), Margaret Cohen (Comparative Literature), Amir Eshel (German Studies, Comparative Literature), Roland Greene (English, Comparative Literature), Hans U. Gumbrecht (French and Italian, Iberian and Latin American Cultures, Comparative Literature), Franco Moretti (English, Comparative Literature), Elisabeth Mudimbe-Boyti (French and Italian, Comparative Literature), Andrea Nightingale (Classics, Comparative Literature, on leave Winter), David Palumbo-Liu (Comparative Literature), Patricia Parker (English, Comparative Literature, on leave Autumn), José David Saldívar (Comparative Literature), Ramón Saldívar (English, Comparative Literature), Jeffrey T. Schnapp (French and Italian, Comparative Literature, on leave), Ban Wang (Asian Languages, Comparative Literature)

Associate Professor: Monika Greenleaf (Slavic Languages and Literatures, Comparative Literature)

Courtesy Professors: Nancy Ruttenberg

Lecturers: Petra Dierkes-Thrun

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Courses offered by the Department of Comparative Literature are listed under the subject code COMPLIT on the Stanford Bulletin’s ExploreCourses web site.

The Department of Comparative Literature offers courses in the history and theory of literature through comparative approaches. The department accepts candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

The field of Comparative Literature provides students the opportunity to study imaginative literature in all its forms. While other literary disciplines focus on works of literature as parts of specific national or linguistic traditions, Comparative Literature draws on literature from all contexts in order to examine the nature of literary phenomena from around the globe and from different historical moments, while exploring how literary writing interacts with other elements of culture and society. The field studies literary expression through examinations of genres such as novels, epics, drama, and poetry, and new aesthetic forms such as cinema and electronic media. Although Comparative Literature does not restrict its focus to single traditions or periods, it does investigate the complex interplay of the literary imagination and historical experience. Attention is also paid to questions of literary theory, aesthetic philosophy, and cultural interpretation.

Along with the traditional model of comparative literature that juxtaposes two or more national literatures, the department supports teaching and research that examine literary phenomena with additional tools of inquiry such as literary theory, the relationship between literature and philosophy, and the enrichment of literary study with other disciplinary methodologies. Comparative Literature also encourages the study of aspects of literature that surpass national boundaries, such as transnational literary movements or the dissemination of particular genres. In each case, students emerge from the program with enhanced verbal and writing skills, a command of literary studies, the ability to read analytically and critically, and a more global knowledge of literature.

**MISSION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

The mission of the undergraduate program in Comparative Literature is to enhance students' verbal and written communication skills, their ability to read analytically and critically as well as to develop their global knowledge of literature. The program provides students with the opportunity to study imaginative literature in all of its forms, investigating the complex interplay of the literary imagination and the historical experience. Courses in the program focus on literary theory, aesthetic philosophy, as well as cultural interpretation. The program prepares students for a variety of career paths as well as for further study in graduate or professional schools as students learn to think, adapt, and communicate effectively.

The department’s undergraduate programs are designed to enhance students’ appreciation of literature in all its diversity, particularly through introductory courses that include treatments of...