

PROGRAMMES BY RESEARCH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) / MASTER OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES (MA)

1. ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The research programmes in WKWSCI are specially designed for students to work with faculty members with diverse research interests in the fields of communications and information studies.

The following fields indicated are not an exhaustive representation of the topic areas available.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Media Effects
Journalism Health/Risk/Science
Communication
Health and Mental Issues
Computer-Mediated Communication
Advertising and Public Relations
Film and Popular Media Studies
Inter-Cultural Communication
Political Communication
Communication Law And Policy

INFORMATION STUDIES

Human-Computer Interaction
Artificial Intelligence
Games and Gamification
Information Retrieval and Analytics
Social and Mobile Media
Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing
Information Literacy
Knowledge Organisation
Knowledge Management
Applications and Practices

2. WHY PHD / MA?

- Provide students with the solid grounding for high-quality research in communication and information and a holistic education involving multi-disciplinary research and the cultivation of soft skills, adequately preparing students for research-intensive careers.
- Opportunities to work with world-renowned communication and information scholars and produce work with visible impact
- Access to research centres and resources to produce top-calibre research
- Hands-on experience teaching Undergraduate students which will develop crucial academic skills
- Opportunities to take short courses overseas under the Summer Programmes Support Scheme (SPSS)
- Access to dedicated travel budgets for conferences and research support

3. ADMISSION CRITERIA

	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Master of Communication Studies (MA)
Academic Qualification	<p>Bachelor's degree: Minimum Honours (Distinction) or CGPA of 4.25/5.00 and above</p> <p>Master's degree: CGPA min 4.25/5.00</p>	<p>Bachelor's degree: Minimum Honours (Distinction) or CGPA of 4.25/5.00 and above</p>
English Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>Applicants whose Bachelor's and Master's degree is not in English MUST submit IELTS Test Score.</p> <p><u>IELTS Test Score</u> Average score: min 7.0 Sub-score: min 6.5</p>	<p>Applicants whose Bachelor's degree is not in English MUST submit IELTS Test Score.</p> <p><u>IELTS Test Score</u> Average score: min 7.0 Sub-score: min 6.5</p>
Submission of a research proposal to demonstrate the ability to pursue research in the proposed fields	Yes	Yes

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Master of Communication Studies (MA)
Duration	4 to 5 years	2 to 3 years
Courses	6 courses before Qualifying Exam	3 courses before Qualifying Exam
Qualifying Examination (QE)	18 – 24 months	12 months
Thesis	Yes	Yes
Oral Defense	Yes	No

5. CAREER PROSPECTS

Where do our graduates go?

Doctor of Philosophy	<p>Post-doctoral fellowships (e.g., Harvard University, Stanford University, Princeton University, Carnegie Mellon University, etc.)</p> <p>Faculty positions (Sun Yat-sen University, Hong Kong Baptist University, City University of Hong Kong, Tsinghua University, Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University, National Institute of Education, etc.)</p> <p>Industry and public sector (e.g., Ministry of Defense of Singapore, National Council of Social Service, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy)</p>
Master of Communication Studies	<p>Various doctoral programs in Singapore and abroad (e.g., Nanyang Technological University, Cornell University, University of Wisconsin—Madison, University of Texas at Austin, University of California Santa Barbara, University of Sydney, etc.)</p> <p>Industry and public sector (e.g., Singtel, Ministry of Communications and Information)</p>