

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / MASTER OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES



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

Research students have the opportunity to present their research work at regional and global conferences. In addition, they get the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on numerous publications in top academic journals.

The research students in the PhD programme are exposed to classroom teaching opportunities to prepare them for an academic career.

Programme Overview

Students typically conduct research in the following areas:

Communication Studies:

Health communication and information, marketing communication and public relations, media arts and cultural studies, computer-mediated communication, journalism, international/intercultural communication, communication law and policy, political communication.

Information Studies:

Human computer interaction, games and gamification, information retrieval and analytics, social media, mobile and ubiquitous computing, information behaviour, information literacy, knowledge organisation, knowledge management applications and practices.

Graduates from the programme will have the solid-grounding needed for high-quality research in the areas of communication and information.



Programme Structure

Research Students need to complete the required coursework and a thesis.

Programme	Coursework	Timeline
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	8 Graduate Courses	By 18 th month of candidature
	Pass Qualifying Exam (QE)	
	Other mandatory courses	
	Pass Thesis	Before graduation
Master of Communication Studies (Research)	4 Graduate Courses	By 12 th month of candidature
	Pass Qualifying Exam (QE)	
	Other mandatory courses	
	Pass Thesis	Before graduation

Candidates may apply either for full-time or part-time study. To be awarded the degree, students will need to complete their programme requirement **within their candidature period**.

Programme	Full-Time Candidature		Part-Time Candidature	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
PhD	4 Semesters	10 Semesters	6 Semesters	10 Semesters
MA (Research)	2 Semesters	6 Semesters	2 Semesters	6 Semesters

Note: 1 academic year is equivalent to 2 semesters

Admission Criteria

To apply to the research programmes, applicants need to meet the following minimum requirements:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Good Master's degree with CGPA of 4.25/5.00 & above
- Bachelor's degree with minimum Honours (Distinction) or CGPA of 4.25/5.00 & above
- Ability to pursue research in the proposed field of advanced study
- English language competency*

Master of Communication Studies (Research)

- Bachelor's degree with Honours (Distinction) or CGPA of 4.25/5.00 & above
- Ability to pursue research in the proposed field of advanced study
- English language competency*

*For both Bachelor and Masters degrees not awarded by an English-medium university or is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR) of a minimum IELTS (academic) score of 7.0 with a minimum sub-score of 6.5. The validity period for IELTS score is two (2) years at the point of application. TOEFL is not accepted in place of IELTS.

Application

There are two intakes per academic year, one in August and another in January.

Programme	Admission Intake	Application Period
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	August	1 October – 15 November
& Master of Communication Studies (Research)	January	1 June – 31 July

All applicants are required to apply online via the university's webpage. The outcome of application will be released via email.

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