Young and research-intensive, Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) is ranked 13th globally. It is also placed 1st amongst the world’s best young universities.
ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Located in Singapore, at the Nanyang Technological University, the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI) has the most comprehensive curriculum in Communication and Information Studies in Asia. The only full-fledged communication school in Singapore, WKWSCI is a world-class centre of excellence with an international faculty, state-of-the-art communication laboratories, and global institutional affiliations. WKWSCI stewards an in-depth focus in research, generating empirical and humanistic analyses of communication topics and policy issues important not just to Singapore, but to the region and the world. With a talented team of faculty and research staff, the School undertakes a broad range of interdisciplinary research that spans across the diverse fields of communication and information. WKWSCI establishes and maintains an international network of educators, researchers and info-comm professionals through collaborative projects, conferences and other exchanges. This includes attracting some of the very best minds in communication studies to the School.
8 REASONS 
TO DO YOUR 
GRADUATE 
STUDIES AT 
WKWSCI

1. Our International Standing
(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2020)

   COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES
   #1 ASIA - #7 WORLD

   COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS
   #3 ASIA - #16 WORLD

   LIBRARY & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
   #1 ASIA - #14 WORLD

2. Renowned Faculty, Endowed Professors & Industry Practitioners

3. Innovative Teaching Pedagogy
   WITH CONTEXTUAL REAL-WORLD LEARNING, DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKERS

4. Accelerate Career Progression
5 Impactful Research

6 Diverse Networking Opportunities

7 Curriculum Flexibility
   FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

8 Scholarships & Awards
   VARIOUS FORMS OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

* PERCENTAGE OF RESEARCH-ACTIVE FACULTY EXTERNAL GRANTS
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.

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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.

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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.

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