Background of Programme

Our graduate studies by research programmes are designed for scholars to pursue interests within the fields of communication and information studies through collaboration with faculty members across various sub-disciplines. Research students have the opportunity to work with diverse researchers who offer a multiplicity of methodologies in a challenging but friendly intellectual community. Faculty members at the School use and teach a wide range of research methods including experimental, ethnographic, critical, and survey methods. Research students work closely with faculty advisors to select coursework to support and expand their expertise. Doctoral students are provided mentorship and experience in classroom teaching and research. Research students and faculty have jointly presented research at regional and global conferences and have collaborated on numerous publications in top academic journals.
Programme Structure

The School offers two graduate research programmes by research for Graduate Research Studies:

1. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
2. Masters of Communication Studies

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme provides students with the solid grounding needed for high-quality research in the areas of communication and information. Students have ample opportunities to interact with faculty and researchers while working towards the completion of the Ph.D. degree. With high-quality supervision from our School’s faculty, the students are provided with well-rounded training and exposure to multi-disciplinary research, thus preparing them for a highly research-intensive career.

Students could focus on two research areas:

1. 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

2. 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

Master of Communication Studies

The Master of Communication Studies by Research programme is aimed at training academics, policy makers, senior researchers and analysts in communication-related research. It is especially suited for students who have a strong interest in communication issues in Asia.

Candidature

The Ph.D. programme may be taken by full-time (2-5 years) or part-time (3-7 years) study. The Master’s Degree by Research may also be taken by full-time (1-3 years) or part-time (1-4 years) study.

Eligibility

The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor’s degree with Honours (Distinction) or above. Preference, however, is given to those with:

- Good Master’s degree for Ph.D. admissions
- English language competency
- Ability to pursue research in the proposed field of advanced study

Applicants whose native language is not English will have to submit IELTS scores.

Application

The Ph.D. programme has only one intake in August, while the Masters of Communication Studies has two intakes in August and January. The School will accept only online applications. More information is available at: http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/graduate/coursework/Pages/default.aspx.

Scholarships and Other Funding Opportunities

The university provides research scholarships to candidates with outstanding academic record. Scholarship includes a monthly stipend and tuition fee waiver for a period of four years (Ph.D. students) and two years (Master’s students). Other funding opportunities include grants for conducting research and financial support for attending overseas conferences.

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