Villanova University’s Master of Arts in Communication and graduate certificate programs seamlessly integrate theory, research and practice. Our blended curriculum provides on-campus and virtual learning formats to maximize flexibility of learning environments and our exceptional quality of instruction. In fact, Villanova is recognized as an Outstanding Master’s Degree Program award winner from the National Communication Association.

“I chose Villanova because of the broad view of communication it offered. There are not many programs where you can learn media production, PR writing, audience analysis, journalism and communication theory. Even after leaving Villanova, the friendships I made in the program grew stronger, as we regularly connect to discuss networking, career, life and everything in between.” – Kaitlin Cleary ’15 MA, Certificate in Journalism and New Media, Co-founder, Team 624 Communications

CHOOSE THE PROGRAM THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Master of Arts in Communication
We develop leaders capable of strategic and ethical thinking, speaking, writing and research on communication issues and problems. With your Master of Arts in Communication, you can pursue a variety of academic, corporate and non-profit careers. Our program is distinguished by:

- Emphasis on theory-driven and research-grounded coursework
- Dedicated internationally recognized faculty who foster a supportive environment
- A commitment to ethics, community and social justice

Pre- or Post-Master’s Graduate Certificates
Pursue your certificate independently or as a specialization within your master’s degree to enhance and extend your graduate education and advance your career. Graduate Communication certificates are offered in:

- Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies
- Journalism and New Media
- Mediated Communication
- Organizational Communication and Leadership
- Public Relations and Advertising

Flexible Learning Environment: A Blend of On-campus and Online
The Communication Master’s and Certificate programs provide the best of a flexible learning environment with online and in-person course options. Students can choose:

- Most courses are taught in a combined in-person and online format
- The format that best suits your schedule and learning style
- Maintain high quality in-person interaction that is valued by our students and faculty
SAMPLE COURSES OF STUDY

Core:
• Orientation to Graduate Study
• The Communication Perspective
• Qualitative Research Methods
• Quantitative Research Methods

Principles:
• Teambuilding & Small Group
• Organizational Communication
• Leadership Communication
• Communication & Advocacy
• Strategic Public Relations
• Journalism
• Visual Communication & Culture
• Public Opinion
• New Media

Practices:
• Persuasion & Advocacy
• Diversity & Organizing
• Public Communication Campaigns
• Public Relations Writing
• Advertising
• Media Production
• Digital Media Design
• Video Shooting Lab
• Developing Crisis Communication Materials

Contexts:
• Audience Analysis
• Performance Studies
• Health Communication
• Conflict & Negotiation
• Intercultural Communication
• International Public Relations
• Mass Media Industries
• Media Literacy
• Cultural Studies

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Media Studies, Visual Communication

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Public Relations

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