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about the program

Ryerson University and York University have pooled their resources to create the Joint Graduate Program in Communication & Culture - an interdisciplinary initiative unmatched anywhere in Canada. Students have the choice of applying for admittance to the program through either York or Ryerson. Both institutions have similar admission and degree requirements.

Enroll on either a part- or full-time basis in the program and benefit from the fresh insights afforded by combined studies in these two areas. Undertake critical analysis of current Canadian and international communication trends - key to understanding contemporary cultural forces, and bring new thinking to a wide range of related professions and areas of study.

The program provides students with opportunities to:

- Examine the social, political, cultural and economic dimensions of such issues as globalization, deregulation, privacy and security, convergence of communication industries, cross-cultural communications, and new media;
- Conduct research that sheds new light on issues and problems in theory, empirical studies, and professional practices;
- Participate in seminar discussions with faculty and production staff, to discuss student research as well as delve into the implications of current and emerging themes of interest; and
- Engage in the current trends and debates in the fields of Communication and Cultural Studies.

Learn more about this program at either www.yorku.ca/comcult/ or www.ryerson.ca/graduate/programs/comcult/

research & innovation

No other master's or doctoral program supports as thorough an examination of the essential interaction between communication practices, processes, and technologies and cultural institutions, industries, and practices, as well as individual makers of culture.

Drawn from a number of disciplines, the distinguished faculty collectively represents a breadth of perspectives and professional experience in communications, the social sciences, humanities, media, and fine arts.

The Program brings together perspectives from the social sciences, humanities and fine arts, and communication-and media-related professions, and aims to encourage innovative thinking, research, and practice. The curriculum reflects the view that advanced work in this field requires not only a thorough grounding in theory and method but also a grasp of the practices, processes, and technologies in contemporary communication and cultural production.



admission requirements

Both Ryerson and York have the same admission requirements.

MA in Communication & Culture

Graduates of a recognized university with an honours degree or equivalent four year degree in social sciences, humanities, fine arts, or a related applied program such as media production or communication technology, with a least a "B" average in the final two years of study, will be considered for admission as candidates for the MA degree.

Applicants will be expected to provide evidence of a high level of achievement in writing, research, or cultural production and of commitment to advanced work in communication and culture. Students whose first language is not English must have a minimum TOEFL score of 600 or equivalent.

PhD in Communication & Culture

Admission to the PhD program requires demonstrated capacity to undertake advanced study in communication and culture, normally through completion of the MA in communication and/or cultural studies or in a related academic or professional field or equivalent, with a high level of accomplishment normally a minimum of "B+" average or equivalent. Students whose first language is not English must have a minimum TOEFL score of 600 or equivalent.

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The curriculum features required core courses for both the MA and PhD foundation courses in each area, and a wide range of electives, including courses mounted especially for this Program. Students will also have access to courses in related programs. Program requirements have been designed to serve the needs of both full-time and part-time students. Courses will be offered at both universities, scheduled to minimize travel. Offerings include opportunities for field placements in public and private institutions and independent study.

The Program provides a range of perspectives on theory, research, professional practice, production, and technology to provide the opportunity for advanced study in communication and culture, encompassing many disciplinary approaches; and to enable students to undertake advanced work in areas of media-related professional practice. The PhD Program is research-oriented and is designed to provide advanced training for candidates intending to pursue careers in research and post-secondary teaching.

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facilities & resources

As a Communication & Culture student you have the opportunity to take advantage of some of the best computer and studio equipment available at any Canadian university, including media production facilities and animation labs. Conduct research using extensive archival collections, on-line and other library resources at Ryerson, York, the University of Toronto, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and other institutions in Toronto.

Students in the Program will have access to a wide range of library resources, computer labs, and studio facilities at Ryerson and York. These include the media production facilities at the Rogers Communications Centre at Ryerson, multimedia labs and animation labs in the Faculty of Fine Arts at York and in the School of Image Arts at Ryerson, as well as a variety of more specialized labs, and extensive archival collections at both universities.

The city's central location means access to many other resources, including adjunct faculty and visiting lecturers. Other benefits include exposure to many culture- and communication-based industries and activities that can be used to inform your studies.

apply now

Apply online at **www.yorku.ca/graduatestudents** or contact York Graduate Admissions at 416 736 5000.

Or apply online at **www.ryerson.ca/graduate/admissions** or contact Ryerson Graduate Admissions at 416 979 5150.

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