

EARN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D. IN
**COMMUNICATION
AND RHETORIC** AT
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School of Humanities,
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THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA



at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is home to an internationally recognized and growing faculty whose work draws from a rich array of theoretical and practice-based areas within communication and media studies, cultural studies, and rhetoric, including:

- **DIGITAL RHETORIC**
- **MIS/DISINFORMATION**
- **SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION**
- **FILM AND TV STUDIES**
- **HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN**
- **CRITICAL GAME STUDIES**
- **ETHNOGRAPHY**

The Ph.D. in Communication and Rhetoric provides students with a strong theoretical foundation through this faculty expertise while leveraging the interdisciplinary curricula and research of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) and the broader Institute. These low walls enable students to innovatively engage theoretical and applied approaches within the Departments of Arts, Cognitive Science, Economics, Science and Technology Studies, and the Games Simulation Arts and Sciences program across HASS. Rensselaer, the United States' first technological research university, is also home to cutting edge research and performance facilities such as the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), the Cognitive and Immersive Systems Laboratory (CISL @ EMPAC), the CRAIVE Lab, a virtual reality studio the AiMOS supercomputer, and various computer labs and media production studios across campus.

Through individualized plans of study with faculty mentors, our students conduct advanced and original scholarly research about diverse communication practices, technologies, and media environments, which both shape and are shaped by specific historical, socio-cultural, political, and rhetorical contexts. Our doctoral students leave the program with the conceptual and practical skills necessary to respond to our ever-changing media landscape and its impacts whether in academia, media, technological and creative industries, or the non-profit and government sectors. Join us as we shape a more ethical and just world.

The Ph.D. degree requires satisfactory completion of seventy-two credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. Students who have completed a relevant master's degree prior to entry into the Ph.D. program (for a Post-Master's Doctorate) may transfer in a maximum of 24 credit hours.

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