



DEPARTMENT OF **COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

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UNIVERSITY OF GHANA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

On behalf of our outstanding faculty and staff, I welcome you to the Department of Communication Studies, University of Ghana. The study and practice of communication has become an exciting and transformative field linked with politics, corporate industry, education, health, media, government and non-profit organisations. Studying communication at our renowned Department offers you a prestigious and valuable pathway to understand, manage, and lead the communication revolution in these sectors and more.

As a student, you will thrive by participating in rigorous and industry-relevant coursework, academic and professional seminars, internships, and independent dissertation research. You will find our faculty to be highly competent and among the most respected names in both local and international scholarly and practice circles. Even so, we are proud of the collegial atmosphere we purposively cultivate between faculty members and students because it is the foundation of our collaborative professional and research outputs. You will also be joining a network of over 1000 graduates of our programmes who continue to impact the world.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community and growing with you. Welcome.

WELCOME MESSAGE



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WHO WE ARE

Established in 1972, the Department of Communication Studies has a rich history. We have evolved from the Institute of Journalism and Mass Communications under the leadership of the doyen Prof. P.A.V. Ansah to the current Department of Communication Studies. The Department exists under the School of Information and Communication Studies which is under the Collage of Education. Presently, we offer three graduate degree programmes:

**Master of Arts
in Communication Studies**

**Master of Philosophy
in Communication Studies**

**Doctor of Philosophy
in Communication Studies**



ALUMNI AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We have trained over 1000 graduates who make us proud by the big things they do! Through them, we have footprints across industry and academia, an invaluable advantage for our students. Our graduates have made important contributions to development at national and international levels through their work as award winning Journalists, Public Relations Specialists, Media Managers, Advertising Practitioners, Media Development Experts, Communication Consultants for Government and Non-Profit Institutions, Academics, etc. We are particularly proud of alumni who have risen to high profile positions including H.E. John Dramani Mahama, former president of the Republic of Ghana; Honourables Mustapha Hamid, Nana Akomea, ministers of state and H.E. Prof Margaret Ivy Amoakohene, Diplomat and Member of the Council of State.



Madam Esther A. N. Cobbah:
CEO, Stratcomm Africa Ltd



Madam Dzifa Gbeho-Bampoe:
Communications Manager,
Tullow Ghana and Former
Anchor of Joy FM's flagship
news programme NewsNight



**Professor of Communication
Studies; Former High
Commissioner to Canada; Former
Member of the Council of State**



**Broadcaster and
Chairman of the Board
of the National
Communications
Authority**



**H.E. John Dramani
Mahama: Former
President, Republic of
Ghana**



**Former Member of
Parliament; Former
Minister of State and
Managing Director of
Intercity STC**



Master of Arts in Communication Studies: This is a 15-month programme that prepares students for careers in the broad media and communication industry. It is a regular time programme which is ideal for candidates who can make time for full time study. Besides course work, students undertake industry internship for two months and complete a dissertation project. Applicants to this programme must have a good first degree as specified by the University of Ghana's graduate study requirements.

Master of Philosophy in Communication Studies: This is a two-year programme beginning with the MA course work. Best performing candidates from the MA cohort of every year are invited to convert their studies into the MPhil. The second year is for research work and there are no classroom work sessions. MPhil candidates support faculty as teaching assistants and benefit from participation in research and intervention projects within the Department.

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Studies: Doctoral studies at the Department may be done part time or full time. Full time study is for four years while the part time programme lasts six years. Students undertake one year of University-wide and Departmental course work before completing procedure for approval as PhD candidates. After the course work, candidates immerse themselves in research work and experiential learning. They also participate in and deliver at seminars and conference while actively pursuing publishing opportunities.

ADMISSIONS

With the exception of the MPhil programme, admissions to our programmes are prefaced by rigorous selection processes including entrance examinations and interviews.



OUR FACULTY

We boast of some of the best names in communication education on the continent. We have a diverse faculty both in terms of backgrounds and areas of emphasis. This ensures that we can deliver well rounded tuition and guidance to our students. You will find our faculty profiles here

<https://www.ug.edu.gh/commstudies/faculty-staff>



OUR FACILITIES

Our PAV Ansah Library, editing suite, computer lab, lecture rooms and student offices and lounge enable us to create a conducive atmosphere for learning. We also enjoy a strong affiliation to Radio Univers which enables us to offer practical training to our broadcasting students. Besides these, we are surrounded by the picturesque University of Ghana landscaping which offers many spots for individual learning, group discussions and relaxation.



OUR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Department contributes actively, both collectively and through individual faculty members, to national and international discourses that address communication concerns. There is active collaboration between the Department and its many industry and policy partners towards improving the communication ecosystem in Ghana, Africa and the World. Faculty serve on and contribute to several local and internal bodies. In addition, we also initiate interventions that address communication gaps, including the Media and Information Literacy and Election 2020 communication activation held in December 2020. Our collaborations and outreach activities also ensure that our students frequently get opportunities to learn outside the classroom and to make impact.



ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The department cannot run smoothly without the support of the administrative machinery. Faculty and student work are ably supported by our admin staff comprising administrators, accountants, drivers, Librarian, IT officer, cleaners etc. These are on standby to ensure your time with us is a worthy experience.

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- Visit our website for more information
- Visit our offices for further inquiries
- Connect with us on social media



DCS IN PICTURES



Advertising students visit UG rice farm as part of a branding project (2018/2019 Class)



Students attend Africa's biggest film festival (FESPACO) in Burkina Faso (2018/2019 Class)



Staff and students at the College of Education Fun Games (2017/2018 Class)



DCS students volunteering at ICA- Africa Conference (2017/2018 Class)

