



Doctor of Philosophy Program  
in Communication Arts  
(English Program)

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION ARTS  
RANGSIT UNIVERSITY

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**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy (Communication Arts)  
Ph.D. (Communication Arts)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

- 1 The Applicants must hold a master's degree in any field from an accredited academic institution either in Thailand or another country that has been approved by the Thai Ministry of Education or the Office of the Civil Service Commission.
- 2 The Applicant must have a good level of English proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS scores) or take the RSU-English Proficiency Placement Test (RSU-EPPT) conducted by the Rangsit English Language institute.

**Structure of the Program**

Minimum credits for the entire program are 48 credits

**Plan :** course work and dissertation

The total number of credits for the program is not less than 12 credits with 36 credits for dissertation.

Core Courses	Non - Credits
Electives	12 Credits
Dissertation	36 Credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 Credits</b>

**Core Courses;** the student must take the following subjects; (Non - Credits)

COM 797 Qualifying Examination Non - Credits

**Electives;** the student must take the following 4 subjects; (12 Credits)

COM 711 Advanced Study of Communication Theory 3 Credits

COM 713 Advanced Methodology of Communication Research 3 Credits

COM 733 Independent Study I 3 Credits

COM 734 Independent Study II 3 Credits

**Dissertation;** the student must take the following subject; (36 Credits)

COM 799 Dissertation II 36 Credits

PROGRAM FEE	600,000 Baht	(100,000 Baht / per term)
APPLICATION FEE (For new students)	515 Baht	
TOTAL (Amount)	600,515 Baht	

#### CONTACT US

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**STUDY PLAN**  
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\* Courses are subject to change as appropriate.

Year 1		
<b>First Semester 1/23 (August – December 2023)</b>		
COM 711	Advanced Study of Communication Theory	3 Credits
COM 733	Independent Study I	3 Credits
<b>Total 6 Credits</b>		
<b>PROGRAM FEE</b>		<b>= 100,000 Baht</b>

Year 1		
<b>Second Semester 2/23 (January – May 2024)</b>		
COM 713	Advanced Methodology of Communication Research	3 Credits
COM 734	Independent Study II	3 Credits
<b>Total 6 Credits</b>		
<b>PROGRAM FEE</b>		<b>= 100,000 Baht</b>

Year 2		
<b>First Semester 1/24 (August – December 2024)</b>		
COM 799	Dissertation II	9 Credits
COM 797	Selected topics in Communication	Non - Credits
<b>Total 9 Credits</b>		
<b>PROGRAM FEE</b>		<b>= 100,000 Baht</b>

Year 2		
<b>Second Semester 2/24 (January – May 2025)</b>		
COM 799	Dissertation II	9 Credits
<b>Total 9 Credits</b>		
<b>PROGRAM FEE</b>		<b>= 100,000 Baht</b>

Year 3		
First Semester 1/25 (August – December 2025)		
COM 799	Dissertation II	9 Credits
Total 9 Credits		
PROGRAM FEE		= 100,000 Baht

Year 3		
Second Semester 2/25 (January – May 2026)		
COM 799	Dissertation II	9 Credits
Total 9 Credits		
PROGRAM FEE		= 100,000 Baht

## Course details

### Core Courses

#### **COM 797      Qualifying Examination**

Comprehensive synthesis of student knowledge relating to his/her course work and independent studies to be evaluated in three domains: communication theories, research methodology, and communication criticism.

### Electives

#### **COM 711      Advanced Study of Communication Theory**

Comprehensive and in-depth study of holistic communication; development of theories relevant to the description, elaboration, analysis and criticism of communication behaviors and artifacts; survey of the original writings of leading communication theorists and thinkers. Students are encouraged to prepare their own analytical and synthetical papers with special emphasis on language accuracy and contemporary disciplinary standard.

#### **COM 713      Advanced Methodology of Communication Research**

An epistemological study of communication; strength and weight of communication knowledge; philosophical questions in the discipline of communication; scope of the body of knowledge about communication; communication discipline development; a comparative study of scientific and humanistic approaches to communication study; strength and weakness of qualitative and quantitative research in communication; review of social research and communication criticism.

#### **COM 733      Independent Study I**

Collaboration by students and instructors in the study of communication aspects leading towards intellectual conclusions. Topics of study will be approved by doctoral graduate committee members.

#### **COM 734      Independent Study II**

Collaboration by students and instructors in the study of communication aspects leading towards intellectual conclusions. Topics of study will be approved by doctoral graduate committee members.

Dissertation

COM 799      **Dissertation II**

Research project under a topic approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee leading towards a comprehensive thesis contributing to academic/professional advance.