

Hello Friends!

Welcome to the Master's in Lifespan and Digital Communication at Old Dominion University. We are the only master's program in the country that approaches communication with both a Lifespan and Digital emphasis, combining the physical with the mediated, the traditional with emerging communication technologies.

While our university is based in Norfolk, Virginia, our graduate students are from all over the US and from many places in the world. They also represent all walks of life, from recent graduates to working professionals. Some come with extensive communication training or industry experience, while others are looking to expand their professional or personal horizons. Our graduate community welcomes this diversity of perspectives and values the contributions each makes to interactive and welcoming course experiences.

Our faculty are among some of the very best in the communication field, recipients of national and international awards, publishing regularly in their specialties, and passionate professionals. Their research and artistic approaches inform their teaching, provide fresh insight on our society, and allow for meaningful connections to our diverse, contemporary world.

MA students tend to take courses in one of three focus areas that reflect faculty strengths and course offerings: Strategic Communication, Media Studies, and Relationships, Health, and Wellness. A degree can be completed entirely online, and yet some courses are available on our local Norfolk campus for those that want a more traditional campus experience. For most full-time students, our degree can be completed in two years, although we are very open to students that need longer timelines.

We are able to provide assistantships for the most competitive full-time applications.

It is our highest goal that our students learn in an accepting learning culture where they can gain insight, critical appreciation, problem-solving skills, advanced writing, and new perspectives on not just the communication world of today, but that of tomorrow and beyond.

Please reach out to start a conversation about our program today!

Sincerely, Dr. Gary A. Beck