2027 Global Communication Ph.D.（English-taught）

Program Description

1. About The Program

International Communication refers to the cross-cultural exchange and flow of information between nations, states, or other international actors, as defined in political science. The Global Communication (All English) Doctoral Program is planned and implemented by the School of Journalism and Communication. The program has a global enrollment policy. Graduates will receive an academic doctorate from Renmin University of China (RUC).

In 2021, the School of Journalism and Communication of RUC established the Department of International Journalism and Communication to integrate teaching, scientific research and social service resources. On this platform, 22 international news and communication teaching and research faculty members (the vast majority of whom have academic backgrounds from top overseas universities) are gathered, including 6 doctoral supervisors.

Currently, the School of Journalism and Communication has a total of 31 international undergraduate students, 39 master's degree international students, and 26 doctoral degree international students enrolled. The school actively cultivates journalism and communication talents from all over the world, continuously enriching and strengthening the international communication talent force.



In 2025, the School of Journalism and Communication of RUC launched the **Global Communication Ph.D. Program** — a fully English-taught doctoral program in journalism and communication designed primarily for international students, with a special focus on outstanding young scholars from countries along *the Belt and Road Initiative.* This program aims to cultivate high-end practical talents for overseas non-Chinese speaking global news communication in the new media environment; to cultivate composite journalism talents with international perspectives, high academic literacy, and strong practical abilities; to cultivate talents who have a profound understanding of news communication theory, are familiar with global audiences, are skilled in integrating media communication techniques, and are committed to promoting dialogue and understanding among their country, China, and the world.



2. Learning progress requirements for the main training stages

(1) Course learning: 1-2 semesters focus on course learning, and the required course credits for this program must be completed by the second academic year or earlier.

(2) Subject comprehensive examination: After completing other major courses in addition to elective courses in this program, students can enter the comprehensive examination stage, usually taking the doctoral subject comprehensive examination in the second academic year. Upon passing the assessment, proceed to the thesis proposal stage.

(3) Thesis proposal: The thesis proposal is usually presented in the 4th to 5th semesters. Upon passing the assessment, the student enters the stage of writing their thesis.

(4) Encourage and support doctoral students to participate in international academic exchange activities, broaden their international perspective, and enhance their academic level.

(5) Academic exchange activities: Completed before applying for defense.

(6) Research achievement review: Completed before applying for defense.

(7) Pre-defense and defense of doctoral thesis: Generally, pre-defense and defense of doctoral thesis are conducted in the fourth academic year. The thesis pre-defense should be completed two months before the formal submission of the doctoral thesis defense application, allowing sufficient time to complete the thesis revision and other work; those who fail the pre-defense of their thesis will have another pre-defense six months later.



3. Core Courses with Credits and Semesters

During the pursuit of a doctoral degree, it is required to obtain a total of no less than 25 credits in the degree program. Public courses shall account for no less than 10 credits, method courses no less than 2 credits, professional courses no less than 4 credits, elective courses no less than 8 credits, and advanced seminar courses no less than 1 credit.