Communications Studies has a long-standing high quality reputation. The program faculty offer three specialization areas in Interpersonal Communication and Relationships, Media Studies, and Rhetoric and Public Advocacy. The applicant pool is strong and the selectivity and diversity of the student cohort is very good (~15% underrepresented minority students). Funding is good for doctoral students, with numerous TAships available due to the very large undergraduate program. Median TTD is very good at 5.7 yrs and %completion is 56% which is slightly above the overall UI average. Students compete successfully for internal and external awards and recognitions. Placement is very good with ~86% of graduates in college/university teaching positions (77% tenured/tenure track) for the period 2003-2008. Some consideration should be given to potential overlap of the focus areas with those offered by the Mass Communications program. Opportunities for expanded interaction with other disciplines demanding "communication" seems timely; for example, in health communications, rhetoric, etc. The development of additional funding opportunities for graduate student support beyond Graduate College fellowships programs is encouraged.