

MA in Communication

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a baccalaureate in communication or a related discipline by the end of the semester in which they apply. The minimum cumulative GPA required for regular admission to the graduate program in communication is 3.25 on a 4-point scale. In addition three letters of recommendation, at least two of which address the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies in communication, are also required. Finally, International students who are non-native speakers of English must obtain a TOEFL score of 600 on the paper-based test (or the equivalent score on other versions of the test) to be considered for admission. Applicants with GPAs that do not meet the admission criterion may elect to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) to offset these deficiencies. Contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for more information.

Degree Requirements

The MA in Communication requires either 30 or 36 credit hours of coursework, depending on the exit project. Candidates approved for a thesis or internship will complete at least 30 semester hours of approved study, at least 21 of which must be taken in courses offered by the department. Candidates completing the non-thesis, non-internship option must complete 36 semester hours of approved study, 27 of which must be taken in courses offered by the department. **Students who choose this option may be eligible to waive up to 6 hours if justified by prior coursework or professional experience. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for additional details.**

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COMM 6510	Advanced Communication Research Methods I	3
COMM 6515	Advanced Communicatin Research Methods II	3
COMM 6600	Seminar In Organizational Communication	3
COMM 6700	Seminar In Mass Communication	3

~~After consultation with the graduate coordinator the student selects either a 36 hour or 30 hour program and, in the latter case, develops an appropriate exit project with input from prospective committee members.~~ Students who choose the internship or thesis option must identify a committee chairperson and prospective committee members who will consult in development of an appropriate exit project. The expectation for each internship varies by project and committee, but submission of an essay in which the coursework and internship experiences are integrated is typically required. Internship exit projects and theses must be approved by the student's committee and assigned a grade by the advisor. The candidate must pass an oral examination conducted by student's committee regardless of exit option selected.

Students who complete a thesis or internship must complete no less than a 3 hour internship or 6 credit hour thesis.

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Rationale This modification would, under certain circumstances, allow the student to speed up progress toward graduation and eliminate superfluous or redundant coursework.