

M.A. in Communication

Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in communication or related field from an accredited institution or proof of equivalent education in a foreign institution.
2. Two letters of recommendation.
3. Demonstration of academic achievement and potential as indicated by the results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) and upper-level undergraduate and graduate coursework. Applicants are generally expected to have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher in upper-level coursework.
 - The GRE/MAT is not required for the following:
 - Applicants who are UTEP students and are majoring or minoring in communication or a related discipline, or
 - Applicants who have graduated from UTEP with a degree in communication or a related discipline within the last 12 years.
4. A letter of application to the graduate advisor addressing the rationale for advanced study in communication.
5. Applicants whose degrees are from non-English speaking institutions are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the Graduate School (<https://www.utep.edu/graduate/future-students/applicant-timelines.html>) website for required scores.

Departmental Academic Standards

In addition to the graduate school requirements of maintaining a 3.0 GPA in all courses counting towards a degree, the department requires students to earn a grade of B or better in all core research methods courses (5300, 5310, 5311). Students receiving a C or lower will be required to retake the course. If, after repeating a core research methods course and a grade of B is not achieved, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Degree Requirements

Coursework

- Thesis Option: 36 credit hours, plus successful completion of thesis.
- Non-Thesis Option: 36 credit hours, plus successful completion of a project.

Research Core Courses

The core research courses are required for both the Thesis and Non-Thesis Options: 5300, 5310, and 5311.

Oral Examination

An oral examination by the graduate faculty is required for both the Thesis and Non-Thesis Options.

Degree Plan

Required Credits: 36

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
MA in Communication (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		15
COMM 5300	Intro to Graduate Studies ^B	
COMM 5310	Quantative Research Methods ^B	
COMM 5311	Qualitative Research Methods ^B	
COMM 5398 & COMM 5399	Thesis and Thesis	
Select 21 hours from the list below		21
COMM 5332	Seminar-Contemporary Rhetoric	
COMM 5337	Sem./Organizational Comm.	
COMM 5342	Environmental Conflict	
COMM 5343	Seminar - Communication Theory	
COMM 5344	Pop Culture Theory and Comm	
COMM 5349	Popular Music & Communication	
COMM 5350	Directed Study	

Oral Examination:

Complete oral examination by the graduate faculty

Total Hours**36****Non-Thesis Option**

Code	Title	Hours
MA in Communication (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		12
COMM 5300	Intro to Graduate Studies ^B	
COMM 5310	Quantative Research Methods ^B	
COMM 5311	Qualitative Research Methods ^B	
COMM 5350	Directed Study	
Select 24 hours from the list below		24
COMM 5332	Seminar-Contemporary Rhetoric	
COMM 5337	Sem./Organizational Comm.	
COMM 5342	Environmental Conflict	
COMM 5343	Seminar - Communication Theory	
COMM 5344	Pop Culture Theory and Comm	
COMM 5345	Feminist Theories in Comm	
COMM 5346	Environmental Communication	
COMM 5347	Comm & Positive Deviance	
COMM 5348	Comm & Healthy Communities	
COMM 5349	Popular Music & Communication	
Oral Examination:		
Complete oral examination by the graduate faculty		
Total Hours		36

B Course requires a grade of B or better.