M.A. in Communication

Requirements for Admission
1. Bachelor's degree in communication or related field from an accredited institution or proof of equivalent education in a foreign institution.
2. Three 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.
4. A letter of application to the graduate advisor addressing the rationale for advanced study in communication.
5. TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper) for international students whose first language is not English or who have not completed a university degree in the U.S.

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.

MA 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

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### Oral Examination:
Complete oral examination by the graduate faculty

Total Hours 36

## Non-Thesis Option

### MA in Communication (All courses require a grade of C or better)

#### Required Courses:
- **12**
  - COMM 5300 Intro to Graduate Studies  
  - COMM 5310 Quantitative Research Methods  
  - COMM 5311 Qualitative Research Methods  
  - COMM 5350 Directed Study

#### Select 24 hours from the list below
- **24**
  - COMM 5332 Seminar-Contemporary Rhetoric
  - COMM 5333 Seminar in Interpersonal Comm.
  - COMM 5334 Seminar in Media and Society
  - COMM 5335 Sem./Intercul/Internat'l Comm.
  - COMM 5336 Sem./New Comm. Technologies
  - COMM 5337 Sem./Organizational Comm.
  - COMM 5338 Sem./Communication Education
  - 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.