

MA Program Requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE:

University standards for admission to graduate study will normally be a determining factor in granting a student classified status in the program. Department admission requirements are higher than university criteria. Students with limited background in communication studies may be admitted on a Conditionally Classified basis until preparatory undergraduate coursework (to be determined in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator) has been completed. Any student who is admitted to the graduate program on a Conditionally Classified basis is required to meet ALL conditions for fully Classified status by the end of the student's first semester of enrollment in the graduate program.

FOR THE DEGREE:

A minimum of 33 units of approved graduate work comprised of the following:

1. COMS 600: Core Seminar in Communication Studies (3 units)
2. Electives (24-27 units)
In consultation with the Graduate Coordinator, this elective coursework may be selected from 400, 500 and 600-level courses in Communication Studies or related disciplines. No more than 6 units of course work below the 600-level are permitted as part of the student's 33-unit program.
 - Thesis or Graduate Project candidate (24 units)
 - Comprehensive Examination candidate (27 units)
3. Required Culminating Experience
 - a. COMS 697: Directed Comprehensive Studies (3)
 - b. COMS 698: Thesis or Graduate Project (3)

THESIS

- a. A public presentation of a thesis prospectus, and
- b. An acceptable thesis, and
- c. An oral examination on the thesis.

or

GRADUATE PROJECT

- a. A public presentation of a graduate project prospectus, and
- b. An acceptable written report of the candidate's application of communication theory and principles to a practical or career problem, and
- c. An oral examination on the written report.

or

DIRECTED COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES

- a. A successful completion of a 6-hour examination covering the breadth of the student's program, and
- b. An oral examination on the comprehensive exam.

If you have questions regarding the MA program requirements, please contact:

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