

MA in Communication

In addition to the general Graduate School admission requirements, applicants for full-standing status must have a 3.000 GPA overall and must write a statement of purpose for pursuing the Master of Arts in communication. International students must score at least 600 paper-based, or 100 Internet-based on the TOEFL, or a minimum overall band score of 7.5 on the IELTS, or a minimum score of 73 on the PTE-Academic and, if applying for a graduate teaching assistantship, must score a 28 or higher on the speaking portion of the Internet based TOEFL, or 55 on the SPEAK test.

Program Requirements

The Master of Arts in communication requires 36 credit hours of coursework — 15 credit hours of core courses and 21 credit hours of electives.

Course	Title	Hours
Program Core (Required) Courses		
COMM 801	Introduction to Communication Research	3
COMM 803	Empirical/Quantitative Research Methodology in Communication	3
COMM 812	Contemporary Theories of Communication	3
Qualitative Methods: select two of the 3-credit 800-level qualitative methods courses offered by the department		6
Other Courses		
Students selecting the thesis option must take 6 credit hours of thesis; students selecting the project option will devote either 3 or 6 credit hours of directed study to the 36-credit-hour total		3-6
In addition to the required courses, students, with the advice and consent of their faculty advisor, must select courses to complete the plan of study, as discussed in the Graduate School section of this catalog. The plan of study will be individually designed to accommodate a student's background, interests and needs, and must include a minimum of 60 percent of their graduate hours at the 700–899 level		15-18

Examinations

Written comprehensive examinations will be administered to all candidates during the final semester of their degree program. In addition, students writing a thesis will present an oral defense of the thesis.