

Communication, Professional

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Department of Communication
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M.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30–34 credits

The communication program prepares students to handle the challenges of communicating effectively and ethically in a rapidly changing world characterized by diversity in gender, cultural background and belief.

The M.A. in professional communication provides advanced education for individuals in or pursuing communication related careers in public/nonprofit organizations, media organizations, health care organizations or in higher education. Students take courses that focus on organizational communication theory and practices.

The program is both theoretically and pragmatically oriented to prepare students for the professional workplace or for doctoral study in organizations.

Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 176).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 180).
3. Complete the following:
 - a. COMM 600—Introduction to Professional Communication3
COMM 601—Communication Research Methodologies
(Social Science) 3
COMM 602—Communication Research Methodologies
(Human Science) 3
COMM 625—Communication Theory 3
COMM 675—Training and Development Communication 3
COMM 680—Communication and Diversity in the Professional
World 3
COMM 699—Thesis* 6
 - b. Complete two of the following electives:**
COMM 622—Interpersonal Interaction 3
COMM 631—Teambuilding 3
COMM 635—Organizational Culture and Communication 3
COMM 642—Health Communication 3
COMM 682—Seminar in Communication 3
 - c. Teaching assistants complete the following:
COMM 661—Mentored Teaching in Communication*** 1-4
4. Minimum credits required 30-34

* Students in the journalism concentration who elect to complete a non-thesis project should take 6 credits of JRN 698 rather than COMM/JRN 699.

** Students may take 400- and 600-level courses in art, education, English, journalism, communication, marketing, business administration and northern studies as well as graduate level independent studies to fulfill 6-credits of the elective requirement, if approved by the student's committee. Students will also be able to apply up to 6 credits of appropriate graduate level course work from other universities in the elective area if approved by the student's committee.

*** This 1 credit course may be taken up to four times.

Note: A maximum of 6 credits of approved 400-level courses may be included in the 30-34 credit requirement.

Note: The comprehensive examination is to be taken no later than the student's fourth semester of work.

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2006-2007 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.