

# Communication, Professional

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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 192).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 196).
3. Complete the following:
  - a. COMM F600—Introduction to Professional Communication...3
  - COMM F601—Communication Research Methodologies (Social Science).....3
  - COMM F602—Communication Research Methodologies (Human Science).....3
  - COMM F625—Communication Theory .....3
  - COMM F675—Training and Development Communication ....3
  - COMM F680—Communication and Diversity in the Professional World .....3
  - COMM F699—Thesis.....6
  - b. Complete two of the following electives:\*
  - COMM F622—Interpersonal Interaction.....3
  - COMM F631—Teambuilding .....3
  - COMM F635—Organizational Culture and Communication...3
  - COMM F642—Health Communication .....3
  - COMM F682—Seminar in Communication .....3
  - c. Teaching assistants complete the following:
  - COMM F661—Mentored Teaching in Communication\*\* ..1 – 4
4. Minimum credits required .....30 – 34

\* Students may take F400- and F600-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 F400-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.