

Emphasis in Speech Communication

The M.A. degree in speech communication is designed for students with a broad interest in the study of human communication. It is intended primarily for students preparing for doctoral study in communication.

Required course:

- COM 7000 Introduction to M.A. Studies (3 credits)

Complete a minimum of **Six** classes (including one "M"), preferably from any one of the following tracks:

Rhetorical Theory and Criticism:

- COM 6040 Cultures and Rhetorics (3 credits)
- COM 7110 Theory of Argument (3 credits)
- COM 7190 Classical Rhetorical Theory (3 credits)
- COM 7250 **M** Rhetorical Criticism (3 credits)
- COM 7280 The Rhetoric of Kenneth Burke (3 credits)
- COM 7290 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory (3 credits)
- COM 7300 **M** Feminist Rhetorical Criticism (3 credits)
- COM 7310 Rhetoric and Ideology (3 credits)
- COM 7320 Postmodern Rhetorical Criticism (3 credits)
- COM 8350 **M** Advanced Study in Rhetorical Criticism (3 credits)

Interpersonal and Small Group Communication:

- COM 4180 Family Communication (3 credits)
- COM 5220 Interviewing (3 credits)
- COM 6170 Principles of Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)
- COM 6200 Theories of Small Group Processes (3 credits)
- COM 6250 Organizational Communication (3 credits)
- COM 6270 Computer-Mediated Communication (3 credits)
- COM 6350 Communication, Culture and Conflict (3 credits)
- COM 7260 **M** Behavioral Research Methods in Communication (4 credits)
- COM 7410 Communication Theory (3 credits)
- COM 7580 **M** Content Analysis (3 credits)
- COM 8170 Theories of Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)
- COM 8230 **M** Ethnographic Methods (3 credits)

Political and Public Communication:

- COM 5030 Communication Ethics (3 credits)
- COM 5100 Speechwriting (3 credits)
- COM 5110 Studies of Argument (3 credits)
- COM 5120 Presidential Rhetoric (3 credits)
- COM 7040 Language of Oppression (3 credits)
- COM 7120 Contemporary Political Campaigns (3 credits)
- COM 7130 Contemporary Social Movements (3 credits)
- COM 7250 **M** Rhetorical Criticism (3 credits)
- COM 7260 **M** Behavioral Research Methods in Communication (4 credits)
- COM 7700 Mass Media and Political Communication (3 credits)

Choose one of the following Plans:

Plan A (Thesis)

- Elective courses sufficient to meet the minimum requirement of thirty-two credits
- Eight credits of COM 8999 and an approved thesis

Plan B (Essay)

- Elective courses sufficient to meet the minimum requirement of thirty-two credits
- Three credits of COM 7999 and an approved essay

Plan C (Coursework): Elective courses sufficient to bring the total credit hours to 35-45

List Plan A, B, or C elective courses below:
