

## **Emphasis in Communication Studies**

The communication studies emphasis is designed for students with a general interest in the study of human communication. It is intended primarily for students preparing for doctoral study in communication. Requirements include:

- COM 7000: Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication

A minimum of six courses, including one Methods (M) Course, preferably from any one of the following three tracks:

### ***RHETORICAL THEORY AND CRITICISM:***

- COM 6040: (CD) Cultures and Rhetorics: Cr. 3
- COM 6350: Communication, Culture, and Conflict
- COM 7110: Theory of Argument: Cr. 3
- COM 7190: Classical Rhetorical Theory: Cr. 3
- COM 7200: Visual Rhetoric
- COM 7250 (M): Rhetorical Criticism: Cr. 3
- COM 7300 (M): Feminist Rhetorical Criticism: Cr. 3
- COM 7310: Rhetoric & Contemp. Intellectual Developments: Cr. 3
- COM 7350: Rhetoric of Citizenship
- COM 8350 (M): Advanced Study in Rhetorical Criticism: Cr. 3

### ***INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE:***

- COM 5220: Interviewing: Cr. 3
- COM 6170: Principles of Interpersonal Communication: Cr. 3
- COM 6180: Principles of Health Communication
- COM 6270: (ST) Computer-Mediated Communication: Cr. 3
- COM 6350: Comm., Culture, and Conflict (D R 6350) : Cr. 3
- COM 7170: Health Communication
- COM 7171: Theory and research on family communication
- COM 7260 (M): Behavioral Research Methods in Comm.: Cr. 4
- COM 7370: Adv. Theories of persuasion
- COM 7410: Communication Theory: Cr. 3
- COM 7580 (M): Content Analysis: Cr. 3
- COM 7680: Social influence and compliance gaining
- COM 8170: Theories of Interpersonal Communication
- COM 8230 (M): Ethnographic Meth. for Comm. Research: Cr. 3
- DR 7100: Roots of Social Conflict
- DR 7210: Concepts and Processes of Dispute Resolution

***SMALL GROUP AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION:***

- COM 6180: Principles of Health Communication
- COM 6200: Theories of Small Group Processes (3 credits)
- COM 6250: Organizational Communication (3 credits)
- COM 7140: Public Relations Campaigns (3 credits)
- COM 7150: Micro-level Organizational Communication (3 credits)
- COM 7160: Crisis Communication (3 credits)
- COM 7165: Communication and Issue Management (3 credits)
- COM 7170: Health Communication
- COM 7240: Communication Consulting and Training (3 credits)
- COM 7410: Communication Theory (3 credits)
- DR 7210: Concepts and Processes of Dispute Resolution I

***POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:***

- COM 5030: (EI) Communication Ethics: Cr. 3
- COM 5100: Speech Writing: Cr. 3
- COM 5110: Studies of Argument: Cr. 3
- COM 5120: Public Address: Cr. 3
- DR 6120: Human Diversity and Human Conflict
- COM 7040: Language of Oppression: Cr. 3
- COM 7120: Contemporary Political Campaigns: Cr. 3
- COM 7130: Contemporary Social Movements: Cr. 3
- COM 7250 (M): Rhetorical Criticism: Cr. 3
- COM 7260 (M): Behavioral Research Methods in Comm.: Cr. 4
- COM 7700: Mass Media and Political Communication: Cr. 3
- COM 6350: Communication, Culture, and Conflict
- DR 7100: Roots of Social Conflict
- DR 7210: Concepts and Processes of Dispute Resolution I

One of the following plan options:

**Plan A:** Additional elective courses to total a minimum of thirty-two credits; Eight credits in COM 8999 and an approved thesis or **Plan C** Additional elective courses to total 35-48 credits.

**Acknowledgment of M.A. Degree Handbook Policies and Procedures**

*I have read the Department of Communication Master of Arts Handbook and familiarized myself with the policies and procedures governing the degree program I am pursuing. I also understand that I must familiarize myself with the policies, procedures, and directives from the Graduate School as detailed in the Graduate Bulletin.*

*I understand that deviations from the Department of Communication or Graduate School policies and procedures may interfere with reasonable and normal academic progress and, in extreme circumstances, may result in my dismissal from the program. I further understand that I am to maintain regular contact with my academic advisor so that I may complete my degree in a timely manner.*

**Student's Name (Please Print):**

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**Signature and date:**

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**Please sign and return this form to the Graduate Secretary of the Department of Communication, 585 Manoogian Hall, with your Plan of Work. The Plan of Work is to be completed in consultation with your academic advisor and must be filed by the completion of twelve credit hours of academic study.**

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