

<b>AREA 1: CONTEXTUAL COMMUNICATION STUDIES (12 hours)</b>		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Grade</u>
COMS 520	Communication Theory	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose three (3) of the following courses:</i>				
COMS 522	Interpersonal Theory and Practice	3	_____	_____
COMS 524	Small Group Theory and Practice	3	_____	_____
COMS 622	Organizational Communication Theory and Practice	3	_____	_____
COMS 624	Intercultural Communication	3	_____	_____

**AREA 2: COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES (18 hours)**

*Choose six (6) 500/600 level COMS courses. Refer to the second page for recommended cognates and/or electives to satisfy this area. Electives may be taken from any/all Area 1 cognates if they have not been used to meet declared area 1 requirements.*

COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____
COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____
COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____
COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____
COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____
COMS _____	_____	3	_____	_____

**AREA 3: RESEARCH (6 hours)**

COMS 680	Communication Research Methods	3	_____	_____
COMS 690	Thesis Defense <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____

**Total Hours            36**

**Graduation Requirements**

36 semester hours total  
30 semester hours must be completed through LU  
3.0 GPA  
No more than two (2) grades of C may be applied to the degree  
No grade of D may be applied to the degree  
Thesis required  
Degree must be completed within 5 years  
Students will be required to pass GRST 500 or pass the graduate writing assessment  
Submit Graduation Application at the beginning of the final semester

**Note**

<sup>1</sup>Any student who is not ready for enrollment in COMS 690 after completing COMS 680 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to take COMS 689 Thesis Proposal and Research, and may be required to repeat COMS 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in COMS 689

**Program Currently Offered in Resident Format Only**

## Recommended Electives and/or Cognates for Area 2

*You may mix and match courses from any all areas below.*

### Communications Electives

COMS 550	Communication Education Theory
COMS 552	Leadership Communication
COMS 554	Argument and Persuasion
COMS 556	Audience Analysis and Measurement
COMS 558	Listening and Nonverbal Communication
COMS 560	Communication and Conflict
COMS 562	Web-based Communication
COMS 564	Family Communication
COMS 568	Creative Communication
COMS 618	Visual Rhetoric
COMS 652	Organizational Communication Consulting
COMS 654	Communication and Change
COMS 656	Media Strategies
COMS 697	Special Topics

### Media & Communication Studies Cognate

COMS 530	Mass Media Theory
<i>Choose (3) of the following :</i>	
COMS 532	Approaches to Media Technologies
COMS 632	Politics and Media
COMS 634	Religion and Media
COMS 638	Media Management

### Rhetoric & Religious Communication Studies Cognate

COMS 510	Rhetorical Theory
<i>Choose three (3) of the following:</i>	
COMS 513	Public Discourse in Retrospect
COMS 542	Communication in Christian Ministry
COMS 544	Great Preachers and Preaching
COMS 612	Rhetorical Criticism
COMS 620	Rhetoric in Popular Culture
COMS 643	Contemporary Topics in Religious Communication
COMS 644	Communication of Revival and Reform

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

#### First Semester

Area 1: Contextual Studies	3
Area 2: Strategies	3
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Total	9

#### Second Semester

Area 1: Contextual Studies	3
Area 2: Strategies	3
COMS 680	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Third Semester

Area 1: Contextual Studies	3
Area 2: Strategies	3
Area 2: Strategies	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Fourth Semester

Area 1: Contextual Studies	3
Area 2: Strategies	3
COMS 690	<u>3</u>
Total	9