

CORE COURSES (12 hours)

	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Grade</u>
COMS 520 Communication Theory & Practices	3	_____	_____
COMS 522 Interpersonal Communication Theory & Practice	3	_____	_____
COMS 552 Leadership Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 554 Strategies & Tactics of Persuasion	3	_____	_____

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES COURSES (9 hours)

Choose three courses from the following:

COMS 524 Small Group & Team Communications	3	_____	_____
COMS 558 Listening & Nonverbal Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 560 Communication & Conflict	3	_____	_____
COMS 612 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism	3	_____	_____

CONTEXTUAL COURSES (9 hours)

Choose three courses from the following:

COMS 542 Communication in Christian Ministry	3	_____	_____
COMS 550 Communication for Teachers	3	_____	_____
COMS 622 Organizational Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 624 Intercultural Communication	3	_____	_____

ELECTIVE COURSE (3 hours)

COMS _____	1, 2	3	_____	_____
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CULMINATING EXPERIENCE COURSE (3 hours)

Choose one of the following courses:

COMS 670 Comprehensive Examination	3	_____	_____
COMS 690 Thesis Defense ^{2, 3, 4}	3	_____	_____
COMS 691 Project	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 36

Graduation Requirements

Complete 36 hours

A minimum of 30 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 6 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree 3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

All Resident students are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

All Online students admitted on Academic Caution are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office at the beginning of the final semester

Notes

¹Choose one of the following courses for which prerequisites have been met: COMS 524, 542, 550, 558, 560, 612, 622, 624 or 680

²Successful completion of COMS 680 is a prerequisite for COMS 690

³Students must receive special permission from the Director of Graduate Studies to complete a Thesis.

⁴Any 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 690.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
COMS 520	3	COMS 552	3
COMS 522	3	COMS 554	3
Communication Elective ¹	<u>3</u>	Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
Communication Elective ¹	3	Communication Elective ¹	3
Contextual Elective ³	3	Contextual Elective ³	3
Contextual Elective ³	<u>3</u>	COMS 670, 690 ⁴ or 691	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

Notes

¹Choose one course from the following: COMS 524, 558, 560 or 612

²Choose one course from the following: COMS 524, 542, 550, 558, 560, 612, 622, 624 or 680

³Choose one course from the following: COMS 542, 550, 622 or 624

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