

<u>AREA 1: CONTEXTUAL COMMUNICATION STUDIES (12 hours)</u>		<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 ¹	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS: 36

Graduation Requirements

36 semester hours total
 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 (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
 All Resident students are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester
 Submit Graduation Application at the beginning of the final semester

Note

¹Any 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

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