

<b>AREA 1: CONTEXTUAL COMMUNICATION STUDIES (12 hours)</b>	<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
COMS 510 Rhetorical Theory	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose three (3) of the following courses:</i>			
COMS 513 Public Discourse in Retrospect	3	_____	_____
COMS 542 Communication in Christian Ministry	3	_____	_____
COMS 544 Great Preachers and Preaching	3	_____	_____
COMS 612 Rhetorical Criticism	3	_____	_____
COMS 620 Rhetoric in Popular Culture	3	_____	_____
COMS 643 Contemporary Topics in Religious Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 644 Communication of Revival and Reform	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 specializations if they have not been used to meet declared area 1 requirements.*

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

COMS 680 Communication Research Methods	3	_____	_____
COMS 690 Thesis Defense*	3	_____	_____

**Total Hours: 36**

**Graduation Requirements**

36 semester hours total  
30 semester hours must be completed through LU  
3.0 GPA  
Grades of D do not count toward 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

**Notes**

\*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 690.

## Recommended Electives and/or Cognates for Area 2

*Note: You may mix and match courses from 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

### Interpersonal & Organizational Communication Studies Cognate

COMS 520	Communication Theory
<i>Choose three (3) of the following:</i>	
COMS 522	Interpersonal Theory and Practice
COMS 524	Small Group Theory and Practice
COMS 622	Organizational Communication Theory & Practice
COMS 624	Intercultural Communication

### 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

## Recommended Sequence

1st Year Fall		1st Year Spring	
Context	3	Context	3
Strategies	3	Strategies	3
Strategies	3	Research	3
2nd Year Fall		2nd Year Spring	
Context	3	Context	3
Strategies	3	Strategies	3
Strategies	3	Thesis/Project	6