

**CORE COURSES (30 hours)**

	<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
COMS 526 Investigative Storytelling	3	_____	_____
COMS 532 Media Technologies & Communication Strategies	3	_____	_____
COMS 534 Strategic Media Analysis	3	_____	_____
COMS 546 Effective Social Media	3	_____	_____
COMS 550 Communication for Teachers	3	_____	_____
COMS 552 Leadership Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 562 Web Strategies for Growth	3	_____	_____
COMS 622 Organizational Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 639 The Transmedia Organization	3	_____	_____
COMS 658 Strat. Communication Campaigns for the Digital Age	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 <sup>2, 3, 4</sup>	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**

<sup>1</sup>Choose one of the following courses for which prerequisites have been met: COMS 520, 522, 524, 542, 554, 558, 560, 612, 624, 630, 652 or 680

<sup>2</sup>Successful completion of COMS 680 is a prerequisite to COMS 690

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

<sup>4</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 690.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
COMS 526	3	COMS 546	3
COMS 532	3	COMS 550	3
COMS 534	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
COMS 552	3	COMS 639	3
COMS 562	3	COMS 658	3
COMS 622	<u>3</u>	COMS 670, 690 <sup>2</sup> or 691	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

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