## **LIBERTY** U N I V E R S I T Y. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication (Ph.D.)

2020-2021 Degree Completion Plan

ADVANCE	D CORE COURSES (21 hours)	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>			
BMAL 703	Striking the Balance: Management & Leadership	3					
BMAL 704	Strategic Organizational Change	3		. <u> </u>			
DIGI 700	Digital & Strategic Communication Orientation I <sup>1</sup>	3					
DIGI 705	Digital & Strategic Communication Orientation II	3					
DIGI 825	Seminar: From Digital Analytics to Comm. Action	3					
DIGI 835	Current Topics in Content Communication	3					
DIGI 845	Visualization & Social Media Strategy	3					
RESEARCH	I COURSES (12 hours)						
BUSI 815	Qualitative Research Methods <sup>2</sup>	3					
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3					
DIGI 710	Digital & Strategic Comm. Audience Measurement	3					
DIGI 720	Social, Mobile & Online Media Analytics	3					
PROFESSI	DNAL APPLICATION COURSES (12 hours)						
COMS 640	Event Planning & Donor Relations	3					
STCO 546	Effective Social Media	3					
STCO 638	Video Storytelling	3					
STCO 658	Strategic Communication Campaigns for the Digital Age	3					
DISSERTATION AND PRACTICUM COURSES (15 hours)							
COMS 987	Dissertation I	5					
COMS 988	Dissertation II	5					
COMS 989	Dissertation III	5					
COMS 990	Dissertation Defense	0					
	TOTAL HOURS	60					

## **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 hours

A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level 3.0 GPA

No grades lower than B- may be applied to the degree

Degree must be completed within seven years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## **Offered in Online Format**

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

<sup>1</sup>DIGI 700 is required of all entering doctoral students, and is a prerequisite for all remaining courses

<sup>2</sup>Students entering BUSI 815 must have completed DIGI 710 and 720 Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE							
First Semester DIGI 700 <sup>1</sup> BMAL 703 DIGI 705 Total	$\begin{array}{c} 3\\ 3\\ \underline{3}\\ \underline{9} \end{array}$	Second Semester BMAL 704 COMS 640 DIGI 710 STCO 546 Tota	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ \underline{3} \\ \underline{3} \\ 1 \end{array}$				
Third Semester DIGI 720 EDUC 816 DIGI 845 STCO 638 Total	- 3 3 3 <u>3</u> 12	Fourth Semester BUSI 815 <sup>2</sup> DIGI 825 DIGI 835 STCO 658 Tota	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ \underline{3} \\ \underline{3} \\ 1 \end{array}$				
Fifth Semester COMS 987 Total	<u>5</u> 5	Sixth Semester COMS 988 Tota	<u>5</u> 1 5				
Seventh Semester COMS 989 Total	<u>5</u> 5	Eighth Semester COMS 990 Tota	$\frac{0}{1}$				
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