

| <b><u>THEORY &amp; RESEARCH COURSES (9 hours)</u></b> |                                  | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| COMS 520  | Communication Theory & Practices | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| COMS 680  | Communication Research Design    | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| COMS 690  | Thesis Defense                   |                   |                   |                     |
| <b><u>or</u></b> COMS 691                             | Project                          | 3                 | _____             | _____               |

**ORGANIZATIONAL & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION COGNATE (12 hours)**

*Choose 4 of the following courses:*

|          |  |   |       |       |
|----------|--|---|-------|-------|
| COMS 622 | Organizational Communication                       | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| COMS 630 | Professional Communication & Nonprofit Development | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| STCO 526 | Strategic Storytelling                             | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| STCO 532 | Media Technologies & Communication Strategies      | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| STCO 546 | Effective Media Analysis                           | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| STCO 562 | Using Emerging Trends in Strategic Communication   | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**ELECTIVE COURSES (15 hours)**

|       |       |                    |           |       |       |
|-------|-------|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | 1                  | 3         | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | 1                  | 3         | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | 1                  | 3         | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | 1                  | 3         | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | 1                  | 3         | _____ | _____ |
|       |       | <b>TOTAL HOURS</b> | <b>36</b> |       |       |

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours 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 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

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

**Offered in Resident Format**

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Choose any 500-600 level COMS or STCO course not already applying to the degree.

*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

| <u>First Semester</u>         |          | <u>Second Semester</u>        |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| COMS 520                      | 3        | Cognate Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| Cognate Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        | Elective <sup>2</sup>         | 3        |
| Elective <sup>2</sup>         | <u>3</u> | Elective <sup>2</sup>         | <u>3</u> |
| Total                         | 9        | Total                         | 9        |

| <u>Third Semester</u>         |          | <u>Fourth Semester</u>        |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| COMS 680                      | 3        | Cognate Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| Cognate Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        | Elective <sup>2</sup>         | 3        |
| Elective <sup>2</sup>         | <u>3</u> | COMS 690 or 691               | <u>3</u> |
| Total                         | 9        | Total                         | 9        |

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Choose from the following courses: COMS 622, 630, STCO 526, 532, 546, or 562.

<sup>2</sup>Choose any 500-600 level COMS or STCO course not already applying to the degree.