## LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Communication (Ph.D.)**

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

ADVANCEI	O CORE COURSES (18 hours)	Hrs	Sem	<u>Grade</u>
DIGI 700	Digital & Strategic Communication Orientation I <sup>1</sup>	3	bem	Oraue
DIGI 700 DIGI 705	Digital & Strategic Communication Orientation I	3		
DIGI 705	Advanced Communication Theory	3		
DIGI 715 DIGI 825	Seminar: From Digital Analytics to Comm. Action	3		
DIGI 825	Current Topics in Content Communication	3		
DIGI 835 DIGI 845	Communicating Research Data	3		
DIGI 0 <del>4</del> 5	Communicating Research Data	5		
RESEARCH	LCOURSES (15 hours)			
DIGI 710	Communication Research Methods	3		
DIGI 720	Qualitative Data Analysis	3		
DIGI 750	Qualitative Research Methods	3		
DIGI 760	Mixed Methods Research	3		
DIGI 880	Research Concepts	3		
PROFESSIC	DNAL APPLICATION COURSES (12 hours)			
DIGI 860	Communication & Philosophy	3		
STCO 546	Effective Social Media	3		
STCO 638	Video Storytelling	3		
STCO 658	Strategic Communication Campaigns for the Digital Age	3		
DISSERTAT	TION 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 Suggested Course Sequence on second page

First Semester		_	Second Semester		_
DIGI 700 <sup>1</sup>		3	DIGI 715		3
DIGI 705		3	DIGI 720		3
DIGI 710		<u>3</u>	DIGI 760		3
	Total	9	STCO 546		2
				Total	1
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
DIGI 750		3	DIGI 825		-
DIGI 845		3	DIGI 835		3
DIGI 860		3	DIGI 880		3
STCO 638		<u>3</u>	STCO 658		3
	Total	12		Total	1
Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
COMS 987		<u>5</u>	COMS 988		5
	Total	5		Total	5
Seventh Semester			Eighth Semester		
COMS 989		<u>5</u>	COMS 990		0
	Total	5		Total	C