

<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	_____	_____
<b><u>CRITICAL/INFLUENTIAL COMMUNICATION COGNATE (12 hours)</u></b>				
COMS 552	Leadership Communication	3	_____	_____
COMS 554	Strategies & Tactics of Persuasion	3	_____	_____
COMS 612	Rhetorical Theory & Criticism	3	_____	_____
COMS 632	Politics & Media	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (15 hours)</u></b>				
_____	_____	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	COMS 552	3
COMS 554	3	COMS 612	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
COMS 680	3	COMS 632	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	COMS 690 or 691	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

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