

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

M.A. PROGRAM ADVISING SHEET

Thesis Option

Required M.A. Courses

- _____ COM 500 (Communication & Leadership)
 - _____ COM 502 (Communication Research Methods)
 - _____ COM 600 (Communication Studies Thesis – 6 Credits)
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Five Elective Graduate Courses in the Communication Department

- COM _____ (Communication Department Course)
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Three Elective Graduate Courses

- _____ Graduate Level Course
- _____ Graduate Level Course
- _____ Graduate Level Course

Degree Candidacy

- _____ After completing 12 credits in program of which at least 9 credits are within the department, students must complete a Degree Candidacy form (form available on Graduate Studies Office Web Site). Students must have a graduate GPA of 3.0 or better to achieve candidacy.
- _____ After candidacy, students may elect to keep their assigned advisor or to select a new major advisor.

Successful Completion of Comprehensive Exams

- _____ Email Graduate Coordinator with Intent to take COMPs at the start of your final semester in the program.
- _____ Must Assemble Comprehensive Exam Committee.
- _____ Should meet with/contact Committee Members for studying guidelines.
- _____ Must write for 2 hours on Communication & Leadership, 2 hours on Communication Research, and 2 hours on an Applied Area (Area of Specialty).
- _____ Student must pass written portion in all three comprehensive exam areas.

Successful Completion of Thesis

- _____ Must Assemble Thesis Committee (3 members)
- _____ Must submit Examination Committee form to Graduate Studies Office.
- _____ Must successfully pass oral defense of thesis
- _____ Thesis must be approved by Departmental Committee.
- _____ Thesis must be approved by Dean of Graduate Studies.
- _____ Thesis must be submitted to Library for Binding.