

Accelerated Master's Program (AMP)

In Communication Studies

Communication Studies majors admitted into AMP are able to earn both the B.A. and M.A. in Communication Studies at the University of Alabama in five years. For the highly motivated and academically gifted student, this program offers several distinct advantages:

- Faster, more economical plan of study than earning the two degrees separately
- Richer undergraduate degree experience, fewer unrelated core courses and more courses in the major
- Stronger mentoring relationship with the faculty
- Greater opportunity to develop understanding of the field in preparation for doctoral work

Admission into the program may begin after the completion of 91 semester hours, with a 3.3 GPA or better. To apply, the student submits an application for admission to the Graduate School. Upon acceptance by the Graduate School, the student will be allowed to take graduate-level courses and begin a program of study leading to the Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies while still completing the undergraduate degree.

A typical five-year plan of study for AMP in Communication Studies is shown below, with the first three years focused primarily on completing University core requirements and courses fundamental for the major in Communication Studies.

Year One			
COM 100 (HU) or COM elective	3	COM 101 (SB) or COM elective	3
EN 101	3	EN 102	3
Fine Arts elective (FA)	3	Mathematics (MA)	3
General elective	3	SB course or Minor elective	3
Natural Science (N)	<u>4</u>	Natural Science (N)	<u>4</u>
	16		16
Year Two			
COM 121/122 or COM 123/124 (HU)	3	COM 210, 323, or 348	3
C or FL course	3/4	COM elective	3
History sequence I (HI)	3	C or FL course	3/4
Literature course (L)	3	History sequence II (HI)	3
Social/Behavioral Science course (SB)	<u>3</u>	Minor elective	<u>3</u>
	15/16		15/16
Year Three			
COM 300 or 310 (W)	3	COM 300-400 level elective (W)	3
Minor electives	6	COM 499	3
General electives	<u>6</u>	Minor electives	6
	15	Upper level (300/400) requirement	<u>3</u>
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Admission into AMP

An undergraduate major in Communication Studies may enter AMP, when officially admitted to the Graduate School. Students may apply for Graduate School if they have completed at least 91 hours of coursework and hold a grade point averages of not less than 3.3 in all courses. Once in the Communication Studies AMP program, students may enroll in 500-level COM classes and count up to 10 hours dually, towards both their undergraduate degree and their master's degree.

Year Four			
COM 500 level electives	6	COM 500 level elective	3
Minor electives, 300/400 level	6	COM MA core theory course	3
Upper level (300/400) requirement	<u>3</u>	Minor electives, 300/400 level	3
	15	Upper level (300/400) requirement	3
		UG General elective	<u>3</u>
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In the fifth year of AMP, students in Communication Studies typically choose from two plans of study: *comprehensive exam* or *capstone portfolio*.

Year Five			
Comprehensive Examination			
COM Core theory course (A)	3	COM or CIS 500-600, approved electives	9
COM Core theory course (B)	3		
COM Core theory course (C)	3		
Research Methods Course	<u>3</u>		
	12	<i>Comprehensive Exam</i>	
Capstone Portfolio			
COM Core theory course (A)	3	COM or CIS 500-600, approved electives	6
COM Core theory course (B)	3	COM 590 or COM 598	<u>3</u>
COM Core theory course (C)	3		9
Research Methods Course	<u>3</u>		
	12	<i>Capstone Portfolio</i>	