
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

ADVISORY FORM Master of Art Program in COMMUNICATION STUDIES *Revised Spring 2016*

Name:
Local
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Date of entry into program:

Local Phone #:

Statement of Individual Goals for Graduate Study in the Department:

General rules regarding course work:

1. Minimum of 24 graduate credit hours in Communication Studies Department
2. Minimum of 15-18 graduate credit hours of core course work
3. Maximum of 12 graduate credit hours transferable
4. Minimum elective requirements:
 - Plan 1 (thesis) requires a minimum of 9 graduate hours as electives**
 - Plan 2 (non-thesis) requires a minimum of 12-15 graduate credit hours as electives, plus the successful completion of either**
 - the comprehensive examination, written and oral components, or
 - an internship or a project and a Capstone Portfolio
5. Allowable research credit hours
 - Plan 1 allows 6 hours of graduate thesis research credit (COM 599) to count in 30-hour minimum**
 - Plan 2 does not count research credit in the 30-hour minimum**

CORE REQUIREMENTS (15-18 hrs.)

Theory Requirements – 12 hours

- 3 hrs in Rhetoric and Political Discourse, COM 541, COM 545, CIS 605, or approved equivalent
- 3 hrs in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, COM 561, COM 571 or approved equivalent
- 3 hrs in Communication and Culture, COM 513, 515, 565, 569, or approved equivalent
- 3 hrs in an additional theory course approved from one of the three areas

Methods Requirement: Plan I or Plan II: Comps/Doctoral Program Track – 3 hours

3 hrs COM 548 or COM 550, or

Advisor Approved Research Methods course, such as MC 550, BER 631, or LS 502

Methods Requirements: Plan II: Professional Option – 6 hours

3 hrs COM 548 or COM 550 or advisor approved methods course

3 hrs Applied Research: either COM 590 (internship) or COM 598 (project)

ELECTIVE OPTIONS (12-15 hrs. minimum)

Note: A request form must be submitted and approved for permission to count COM 536 Independent Study as an elective in Plan II. No more than one Independent Study, for a total of 3.0 hours, may count toward the minimal requirements.

PLAN 1 -- Thesis Option	<i>Requires approval to pursue</i>
15 hour minimum of electives:	Prospectus approval by committee
6 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	
3 hrs -- Advisor approved elective	
6 hrs -- COM 599 Thesis Research	

PLAN 2 -- Non-thesis Option:	<i>Academic Option</i>
15 hour minimum of electives (five courses):	Comprehensive Examination
9 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	
6 hrs -- Advisor approved electives (or taken in the doctoral program)	

PLAN 2 -- Non-thesis Option:	<i>Professional Option</i>
15 hour minimum of electives:	Professional Proposal, advisor approved
6 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	The Capstone Portfolio
6 hrs -- Advisor approved electives	
3 hrs -- Applied Research, either COM 590 (internship) or COM 598 (project)	

TOTAL MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETING THE DEGREE --30 hours

Academic Faculty Advisor:

PROGRESS CHECK-SHEET

DATE COMPLETED

1. Plan of Study Approved and Filed
2. Plan Permission Approved
 - For Plan 1: *Thesis* Prospectus Approved by Committee
 - For Plan 2: *Professional* Proposal Accepted by Advisor
3. Final Completion
 - For Plan 1: *Thesis* Defended Successfully
 - For Plan 2: *Comprehensive Examination*
 - Written Portion Accepted by Committee
 - Oral Defense Accepted by Committee
 - For Plan 2: *Professional Option*
 - Capstone Portfolio Accepted by Advisor
4. Graduate Showcase Presentation Completed

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