Communication Studies, M.A.

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in communication studies requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit, including at least 24 s.h. earned at the University of Iowa and in courses numbered above 3000. Students must earn a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 in major course work.

The M.A. may be granted to students working toward the Ph.D.; it also may be granted as a terminal degree for doctoral students who decide not to complete the Doctor of Philosophy. Graduate education in communication studies focuses on Ph.D. study.

The M.A. with a major in communication studies requires the following.

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<td>COMM:5200</td>
<td>Introduction to Research and Teaching (taken the first semester)</td>
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Two courses numbered 5000 or above

Students take courses in specific topical areas as determined in their plan of study meeting. They also must prepare a graduate seminar paper that involves significant original research.

More information is available on the Department of Communication Studies website.

Admission

Applicants to graduate programs in communication studies must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College.

Career Advancement

Communication studies graduates have numerous career options. The major provides solid preparation for employment in almost any job that requires effective critical thinking and communication skills. Graduates find work in fields such as the arts, entertainment, and media industries; consulting; sales and marketing; human resources; and public advocacy.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.