

Communication Studies, PhD

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. must be approved coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00 is required. ^c		
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First Year		
Fall		
CLAS:5100	Practicum: College Teaching and Professional Development for Teaching Assistants ^d	1
COMM:5200	Introduction to Research and Teaching ^d	2
COMM:5230 or COMM:6371 or COMM:5241	Introduction to Rhetorical Studies or Communication Theory or Theories of Mass Communication	3
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
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Spring		
Plan of Study Defense ^e		
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Elective course ^f		3
		9
Second Year		
Fall		
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
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Spring		
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Elective course ^f		3

Elective course ^f		3
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Third Year		
Fall		
Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam ^g		
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
		9
Spring		
Dissertation Prospectus		
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
		9
Fourth Year		
Fall		
COMM:6399	PhD Dissertation	2
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		4
		9
Spring		
COMM:6399	PhD Dissertation	2
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		4
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam ^h		9
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		Total Hours
		72

- a At least 39 s.h. must be earned at the University of Iowa, including 4 s.h. of dissertation credit (COMM:6399). A maximum of 6 s.h. from University of Iowa courses numbered between 3000 and 4999 may be counted towards the degree.
- b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
- c Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.
- d Taken during the first semester in the program.
- e Must be completed by the end of the second semester but no later than the fifth week of the third semester; students entering with a BA must complete by the end of the first semester of second year.
- f Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.
- g Consists of a written exam, scholarly paper, and oral defense.
- h Dissertation defense.