

# Communication Studies, MA

## 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
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
36 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; maximum of 6 s.h. graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. <sup>a, b</sup>		
Students must maintain a Graduate College program GPA of 3.00 or higher. <sup>c</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM:5200	Introduction to Research and Teaching	2
COMM:5230	Introduction to Rhetorical Studies	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MA Audit <sup>e</sup>		
COMM:5241	Theories of Mass Communication	3
COMM:6371	Communication Theory	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM:5297	MA Research	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
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Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Final Exam <sup>f</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

a Maximum of 6 s.h. from coursework 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 Up to 9 s.h. in coursework may be earned in credit outside the department. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.

e Must be completed by the end of first year spring semester.

f Students, with the approval of their advisor and the Graduate Affairs Committee, can elect to write a thesis or complete a week-long, seven day take-home written exam which may be completed more quickly if desired or take a four-hour, written master's comprehensive exam near the completion of the required coursework.