

# Communication Studies, Ph.D.

## 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>		
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. <sup>a, b</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM:5200	Introduction to Research and Teaching <sup>c</sup>	2
COMM:5205	Proseminar in Communication Studies <sup>d</sup>	1
COMM:6371 or COMM:5230 or COMM:5241	Communication Theory or Introduction to Rhetorical Studies or Theories of Mass Communication	3
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Plan of Study Defense <sup>e</sup>		
COMM:5205	Proseminar in Communication Studies <sup>d</sup>	1
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
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Elective course <sup>f</sup>		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Department course (COMM prefix, numbered 5000-7000)		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

### Third Year

#### Fall

Comprehensive Exam <sup>g</sup>		
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

#### Spring

Dissertation Prospectus		
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

COMM:6399	Ph.D. Dissertation	3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

#### Spring

COMM:6399	Ph.D. Dissertation	3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		3
Final Exam <sup>h</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>72</b>

a At least 39 s.h. must be earned at the University of Iowa, including 6 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 Completed during the first semester in the program.

d Taken twice for a total of 2 s.h.

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.