

Communication Studies, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in communication studies requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit, including at least 39 s.h. earned at the University of Iowa and in courses numbered above 3000. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00. The degree program includes specializations in interpersonal communication and relationships; media history and culture; and rhetoric, culture, engagement. For further information, see the Doctor of Philosophy introductory section.

Graduate education in communication studies focuses on the PhD, but doctoral students may choose to earn a Master of Arts on their way toward the Doctor of Philosophy degree. A terminal master's degree may be an option for some students already admitted to the doctoral program.

The PhD with a major in communication studies requires the following.

Course #	Title	Hours
These two courses:		
CLAS:5100	Practicum: College Teaching and Professional Development for Teaching Assistants (taken the first semester)	1
COMM:5200	Introduction to Research and Teaching (taken the first semester)	2
One of these in student's primary area of interest:		
COMM:5230	Introduction to Rhetorical Studies	3
COMM:5241	Theories of Mass Communication	3
COMM:6371	Communication Theory	3
All of these:		
Department of Communication Studies courses (prefix COMM) numbered from 5000-7000		15
COMM:6399	PhD Dissertation	4

Students also must complete their plan of study, the PhD comprehensive examination, the dissertation prospectus, and successfully defend their dissertation.

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