### Required Core (9 credit hours)

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| CMN 502: Theory and Practice in Communication and Persuasion  
OR CMN 522: Argumentation and Advocacy | 3            |                  |       |
| CMN 505: Methods in Applied Communication Research | 3            |                  |       |
| CMN 506: Humanistic Inquiry and Field Research in Communication | 3            |                  |       |

### Electives (21 credit hours)

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### Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)

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| Additional Elective – 3 credit hours | CMN 593 – 3 credit hours | CMN 599 – 6 credit hours  
Written & Oral Thesis Defense |
| Additional Elective – 3 credit hours | Additional Elective – 3 credit hours | |

### What counts as an elective course?

- Regularly scheduled 500-level CMN and select STC courses taught by MA program faculty

### Faculty approval required for:

- up to 3 credit hours of 400-level work applying toward the master’s degree.
- up to 3 credits of 584 Internship applying toward the master’s degree.
- up to 6 credits from 500-level non-CMN courses applying toward the master’s degree (including transfer credits)
- All coursework in the interactive Plan of Study (iPOS). Mere enrollment in a course does not entitle a student to count it toward a graduate degree.

### Academic progress:

- Students are required to meet New College Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards and maintain continuous enrollment as defined by the ASU Graduate College Policy Manual.
- The culminating experience is completed in a student’s final year of study. To be eligible for registration consult the program handbook.
- For information regarding the minimum passing grade for the 593 or 599 culminating experience, please go to New College Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards.

### Policies:

- Core courses can never be transferred from other universities.
- All work toward a master’s degree must be completed within six consecutive years. For more information review the ASU Graduate College Policy Manual.