

Required Core (9 credit hours)			
Course Prefix, Number and Title	Credit Hours	Semester/Session	Grade
CMN 502: Theory and Practice in Communication and Persuasion	3		
CMN 505: Methods in Applied Communication Research	3		
CMN 506: Humanistic Inquiry and Field Research in Communication	3		
Electives (21 credit hours)			
Course Prefix, Number and Title	Credit Hours	Semester/Session	Grade
CMN 522: Argumentation and Advocacy	3		
Elective	3		
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Elective	3		
Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)			
Option A: Comp Exam Only	Option B: Applied Project + Comp Exam	Option C: Thesis + Comp Exam	
Additional Elective – 3 credit hours	CMN 593 – 3 credit hours	CMN 599 – 6 credit hours	
Additional Elective – 3 credit hours	Additional Elective – 3 credit hours	Written & Oral Thesis Defense	

What counts as an elective course?	General Guidelines
<p><b>What counts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly scheduled 500-level CMN courses taught by MA program faculty</li> </ul> <p><b>What needs to be approved (in advance) by both the student's faculty advisor &amp; the graduate program director:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individualized CMN courses (e.g., 580, 584, 590, 592)</li> <li>500-level courses taught by non-program faculty (e.g., courses in other colleges)</li> <li>400-level courses in any discipline</li> <li>Courses transferred in from other universities</li> </ul> <p><b>What does not count:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>593, 595, or 599 credits</li> <li>100, 200, or 300-level courses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Faculty approval required for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>up to 3 credit hours of 400-level work applying toward the master's degree.</li> <li>up to 3 credits of 584 Internship applying toward the master's degree.</li> <li>up to 6 credits from 500-level non-CMN courses applying toward the master's degree (including transfer credits)</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Academic progress:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are required to meet <a href="#">New College Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards</a> and maintain continuous enrollment as defined by the <a href="#">ASU Graduate College Policy Manual</a>.</li> <li>The culminating experience is completed in a student's final year of study. To be eligible for registration consult the program handbook.</li> <li>For information regarding the minimum passing grade for the 593 or 599 culminating experience, please go to <a href="#">New College Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core courses can never be transferred from other universities.</li> <li>All work toward a master's degree must be completed within six consecutive years. For more information review the <a href="#">ASU Graduate College Policy Manual</a>.</li> </ul>