Department of Communication

Program Type:\* 

Degree Type:\* 

Communication (MA)

Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):

The changes are not a change in the content of the program or how it is administered. It is simply an updating of the MA Program's Policy Statement. Since it's last revision in 2012 there have been a number of changes that need to be reflected in the policy statement (GRE score requirements, the removal of the Test of Spoken English for international students because it is no longer offered, changes in application deadlines, changes in course names).

Attached to this revision proposal (as instructed to do by Mary Martin, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate and Profesional Education) is the 2012 Policy Statement, the revised Policy Statement that we would like to go into effect starting in the fall of 2018, and a list of the changes in the policy statement between 2012 and this new revision.

Help: (Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

List new courses required for the revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/ minor/ concentrations)?

Requirements for the Degree

Upon entering the program, students are given a temporary advisor. By the completion of nine hours of graduate work, students are expected to have chosen their major advisor with whom they can work closely. Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 or better GPA. A thesis or comprehensive exam is required of all MA candidates. There is an oral portion of the comprehensive examination as well as an oral examination of the MA thesis by the candidate's committee after each member of this committee has had time to review the project thoroughly.

Requirements for a MA in Communication with a Thesis:

Courses

COMM 601 Epistemology and Theory in Communication (3cr.)

COMM 603 Communication Research Methods - Procedures (3cr.)

COMM 604 Communication Research Methods - Analysis (3cr.)

COMM 630 Interpersonal Communication Theory (3cr.)

COMM 670 Media Theory (3cr.)

COMM 869 Master's Thesis (1 to 6cr.)

Three elective Courses include:

One course must be taken in Communication

Two courses (or six credits) may be taken outside the Communication Department in a related area, if approved by the graduate student's committee

Requirements for a MA in Communication w/ Comprehensive Exams:

Courses

COMM 601 Epistemology and Theory in Communication (3cr.)

COMM 603 Communication Research Methods - Procedures (3cr.)

COMM 604 Communication Research Methods - Analysis (3cr.)

COMM 630 Interpersonal Communication Theory (3cr.)

COMM 670 Media Theory (3cr.)

Five elective courses include:

Three course must be taken in Communication

Two courses (or six credits) may be taken outside the Communication Department in a related area, if approved by the graduate student's committee

Comprehensive Exams in three areas.

COMM - 601 - Epistemology and Theory in Communication (3cr.)

COMM - 603 - Communication Research Methods - Procedures (3cr.)

COMM - 604 - Communication Research Methods - Analysis (3cr.)

COMM - 630 - Interpersonal Communication Theory (3cr.)

COMM - 670 - Media Theory (3cr.)

COMM - 869 - Master's Thesis (1 to 6cr.)