
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Department of Communication Studies
College of Communication and Information Sciences

ADVISORY FORM FOR Master of Art Program in COMMUNICATION STUDIES *Revised Spring 2007*

Name:
Local
Address:
Student #:

E-mail:
Date of entry into program:
Local Phone #:

Statement of Individual Goals for Graduate Study in the Department:

General rules regarding course work:

1. Minimum of 24 graduate credit hours in Communication Studies Dept.
 2. Minimum of 15-18 graduate credit hours of core course work
 3. Maximum of 12 graduate credit hours transferable
 4. Minimum elective requirements:
 - Plan 1 (*thesis*) requires a minimum of 9 graduate hours as electives
 - Plan 2 (*non-thesis*) requires a minimum of 12-15 graduate credit hours as electives, plus the successful completion of either
 - the comprehensive examination, or
 - the internship or project and final practicum report
 5. Allowable research credit hours
 - Plan 1 allows 6 hours of graduate thesis research credit (COM 599) to count in 30-hour minimum
 - Plan 2 does not count research credit in the 30-hour minimum
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CORE REQUIREMENTS (15-18 hrs.)

Theory requirements – 12 hours

- 3 hrs Classical Rhetorical Theory COM 545
- 3 hrs Contemporary Rhetorical Theory: COM 541 or CIS 605
- 3 hrs Human Communication Theory COM 561, or approved equivalent
- 3 hrs multi-cultural/diversity communication course: COM 513, 569, or approved course

Methods requirement: Plan I or Plan II: Comps/Doctoral Program Track – 3 hours

- 3 hrs Seminar in Rhetorical Criticism COM 548 or approved research methods course, such as: BER 631, MC 550, LS 502, MC 581

Methods requirements: Plan II: Professional Practicum – 6 hours

- 3 hrs Seminar in Rhetorical Criticism COM 548 or approved methods course
- 3 hrs applied coursework: either COM 590 (internship) or COM 598 (project)

ELECTIVE OPTIONS (12-15 hrs. minimum)

Note: A request form must be submitted and approved for permission to count COM 536 Independent Study as an elective in either Plan I or Plan II. No more than one Independent Study, or 3.0 hours total, may count toward the minimal requirements.

PLAN 1 -- Thesis Option	<i>Requires approval to pursue</i>
15 hour minimum of electives:	Prospectus approval by committee
6 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	
3 hrs -- Advisor approved elective	
6 hrs -- COM 599 Thesis Research	

PLAN 2 -- Non-thesis Option:	<i>Academic Option</i>
15 hour minimum of electives (five courses):	Comprehensive Examination
9 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	
6 hrs -- Advisor approved electives (or taken in the doctoral program)	

PLAN 2 -- Non-thesis Option:	<i>Professional Option</i>
15 hour minimum of electives:	Practicum Proposal approval by advisor
6 hrs -- COM (two departmental courses)	The Final Practicum Report
6 hrs -- Advisor approved electives	
3 hrs -- Applied coursework, either COM 590 (internship) or COM 598 (project)	

TOTAL MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETING THE DEGREE --30 hours

Academic Faculty Advisor:

PROGRESS CHECK-SHEET	DATE COMPLETED
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan of Study Approved and Filed 2. Plan Permission Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For Plan 1: <i>Thesis</i> Prospectus Approved by Committee ▪ For Plan 2: <i>Practicum</i> Proposal Accepted by Advisor 3. Application for Degree Candidacy Approved 4. Final Completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For Plan 1: <i>Thesis</i> Defended Successfully ▪ For Plan 2: <i>Comprehensive Examination</i> Written Portion Accepted by Committee Oral Defense Accepted by Committee ▪ For Plan 2: <i>Practicum</i> Final Report Accepted by Advisor 5. Graduate Colloquium Presentation Date 	