

Professional Communication M.A.

Program Requirements

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Minimum Requirements for Professional Communication M.A. Degree: 33 credits

Code	Title	Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the graduate general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#gurmastersdegreestext)		
Master's Degree Requirements		
Complete the master's degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#typesofmastersdegrees)		
As part of the master's degree requirements, complete the following:		
COM F699 or COM F698	Thesis Non-thesis Research/Project	6
Professional Communication Program Requirements		
Complete the following:		
COM F601	Quantitative Research Methods in Communication	3
COM F602	Communication Research Methodologies: Human Science	3
COM F622	Communication in Interpersonal Relationships	3
COM F625	Communication Theory	3
COM F631	Teambuilding	3
COM F645	Organizational Communication	3
COM F680	Communication and Diversity in the Professional World	3
Electives		
Complete two of the following: ¹		
COM F633	Public Relations Theory and Practice	6
COM F642	Communication in Health Contexts	
COM F675	Training and Development Communication	
COM F682	Seminar in Communication	
Total Credits		33

¹ Students may take F400- and F600-level courses in art, education, English, journalism, communication, marketing, business administration and Arctic and Northern studies as well as graduate-level independent studies to fulfill 6 credits of the elective requirement if approved by the student's committee. Students will also be able to apply up to 6 credits of appropriate graduate-level coursework from other universities in the elective area if approved by the student's committee.

Note: A maximum of 6 credits of approved F400-level courses may be included in the 30-34 credit requirement.

Note: The comprehensive examination is to be taken no later than the student's fourth semester of work.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- Submit an academic writing sample.

Roadmaps

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Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

- This roadmap should be used in conjunction with regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor or mentor each semester.
- Some courses and milestones must be completed in the semester listed to ensure timely graduation.
- Transfer credit may change the roadmap.
- Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.
- Courses with (*) are recommended.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COM F601 ²⁰	3 COM F602	3
COM F625 ²⁰	3 COM F622	3
COM F631 ²⁰	3 Program Elective	3
9		9

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COM F645 ²⁰	3 COM F680 ²⁰	3
COM F698 or F699 ¹⁸	3 COM F698 or F699 ¹⁸	3
Program Elective	3 Comprehensive Examination	
9		6

Total Credits 33

Footnote Definitions

General Education Requirements	Degree Requirements	Program & Other Requirements
1-Communication	8-Alaska Native-themed	20-Program Requirement
2-Arts	9-Communication	21-Capstone Requirement
3-Humanities	10-Computation	22-Concentration Course
4-Social Sciences	11-Ethics	23-General Elective
5-Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	12-Humanities	24-Minor Course
6-Mathematics	13-Human Relations	25-Upper Division

7—Natural Sciences	14—Humanities or Social Sciences	26—Program Elective
	15—Library & Information Research	
	16—Mathematics	
	17—Natural Sciences	
	18—Other	
	19—Social Sciences	

Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are measurable statements that describe knowledge or skills achieved by students upon completion of the program.

Students graduating from this program will be able to:

- Describe the communication discipline and its central questions
- Employ communication theories, perspectives, principles, and concepts
- Engage in communication inquiry
- Create messages appropriate to the audience, purpose, and context
- Critically analyze messages
- Demonstrate the ability to accomplish communicative goals (self-efficacy)
- Apply ethical communication principles and practices
- Utilize communication to embrace difference
- Influence public discourse