

# PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION (M.A.) - CRITICAL/INFLUENTIAL COMMUNICATION

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theory and Research Courses</b>		
COMS 520	Communication Theory and Practices	3
COMS 680	Communication Research Design	3
COMS 690 or COMS 691	Thesis Defense Project	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Critical/Influential Communication Cognate</b>		
COMS 552	Leadership Communication	3
COMS 554	Strategies and Tactics of Persuasion	3
COMS 612	Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3
COMS 632	Politics and Media	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
	Communication or Strategic Communication Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
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<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any 500-600 level COMS or STCO course not already applying to the degree

All applicable prerequisites must be met

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years

- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Resident Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
COMS 520	Communication Theory and Practices	3
COMS 554	Strategies and Tactics of Persuasion	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
COMS 522	Interpersonal Communication Theory and Practice	3
COMS 612	Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
COMS 680	Communication Research Design	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
COMS 632	Politics and Media	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
COMS 690 or COMS 691	Thesis Defense or Project	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any 500-600 level COMS or STCO course not already applying to the degree.