

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION (M.A.) - INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. 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 |
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| Program Courses | | |
| <i>Theory and Research Courses</i> | | |
| COMS 520 | Communication Theory and Practices | 3 |
| COMS 680 | Communication Research Design | 3 |
| COMS 690 | Thesis Defense | 3 |
| or COMS 691 | Project | |
| <i>Elective Courses</i> | | |
| Communication or Strategic Communication Elective ¹ | | 3 |
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| Total Hours | | 24 |
| Interpersonal Communication Cognate | | |
| <i>Choose four of the following:</i> | | <i>12</i> |
| COMS 522 | Interpersonal Communication Theory and Practice | |
| COMS 524 | Small Group and Team Communications | |
| COMS 558 | Listening and Nonverbal Communication | |
| COMS 560 | Communication and Conflict | |
| COMS 624 | Intercultural Communication | |
| Total Hours | | 12 |

¹ 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

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | Hours |
| COMS 520 | Communication Theory and Practices | 3 |
| Cognate Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| Cognate Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Second Year | | |
| Third Semester | | |
| COMS 680 | Communication Research Design | 3 |
| Cognate Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Fourth Semester | | |
| Cognate Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| COMS 690 | Thesis Defense | 3 |
| or COMS 691 | or Project | |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

¹ Choose from the following courses: COMS 522, 524, 558, 560, or 624.

² Choose any 500-600 level COMS or STCO course not already applying to the degree.