

Degree Requirements, Communication Studies

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and online at <https://utexas.box.com/v/UTAustinGraduateHandbooks>. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Master of Arts

With the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee and the graduate dean, work toward the major may be divided among two or more areas in communication. To be counted toward the degree, all coursework in the major must be at the graduate level.

Student's in the traditional (Option I) master's degree program receive training in interpersonal communication, organizational communication and technology, and rhetoric, language and political communication. Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework, including a thesis, or a minimum of 33 semester hours, including a report.

Students in the Option III master's degree program with a specialization in Strategic Communication must complete a minimum of 33 semester hours; no report or thesis is required. In addition to the capstone course, students must complete the coursework from two of the following three stackable graduate certificates: Strategic Communication, Sports Communication, or Communication and Leadership. All courses required to complete the Option III program are offered in alignment with university policies governing the delivery of non-formula-funded (Option III) degree programs.

Doctor of Philosophy

With the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee and the graduate dean, work toward the major may be divided among two or more areas in communication. To be counted toward the degree, all coursework in the major must be at the graduate level. Doctoral students normally complete all requirements in four or five years of graduate study. Individual study programs must be arranged in consultation with the graduate advisor.

Dual Degree Programs

The Department of Communication Studies offers the following dual degree programs in cooperation with other divisions of the University. More information is available from the graduate advisor in each program.

Major(s)	Degree(s)
Business administration	Master of Business Administration
Latin American studies	Master of Arts
Public affairs	Master of Public Affairs