Facilities for Graduate Work

In addition to the extensive library and computer resources of the University, certain special resources provide support for graduate work in communication. The G.B. Dealey Center for New Media is the college’s five-story, 120,000 square-foot building. It provides interactive classrooms and meeting space for students and houses the adjacent KUT Public Media Studios. It is a state-of-the-art facility that includes a 300-seat auditorium, a multimedia newsroom, an advertising creative room, and dedicated spaces for conferences, presentations, and screenings.

Communication Building A (CMA) is a six-level building housing classrooms, offices, and sophisticated multimedia facilities. Communication Building B (CMB) is a nine-level production building and houses teaching and production facilities for the School of Journalism and Media and the Department of Radio-Television-Film. The extensive Behavioral Science Laboratory in CMB is a research facility housing a suite of versatile, state-of-the-art experimental rooms and laboratory spaces.

These facilities provide opportunities for programs of graduate study that cross departmental lines and media, and that combine the resources of the Moody College of Communication in other ways not feasible within a single department. Additional facilities are listed in each graduate program’s section.

Areas of Study

Graduate work in the Moody College of Communication may lead to the Master of Arts, the Master of Fine Arts, the Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, the Doctor of Audiology, or the Doctor of Philosophy, or may be taken as a supporting field for a graduate degree in an area outside the college. For the Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy, the student may major in advertising, communication studies, journalism, radio-television-film, or speech, language, and hearing sciences; radio-television-film majors may seek the Master of Fine Arts in film production or screenwriting; speech, language, and hearing sciences majors may seek the Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences; audiology majors may seek the Doctor of Audiology degree. Advanced graduate work in communication may emphasize the processes of communication, or interdisciplinary combinations of areas of study, or appropriate subdivisions indicated by the courses taught and the specialties of faculty members.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and may be required to complete up to 12 semester hours of upper-division coursework in the area of the proposed graduate major. Each program reserves the right to examine the applicant orally or in writing or both regarding the subject matter prerequisite to graduate courses in the major.

Degree Requirements

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

The Master of Arts usually requires 30 semester hours of graduate coursework, although additional courses may be required to make up deficiencies.

Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

The Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences requires 57-60 hours for students seeking certification.

Master of Fine Arts

The Master of Fine Arts is available only in video and film production or in writing for film and television. Information about the program is given in the Radio-Television-Film section.

Doctor of Philosophy

The doctoral program cannot be defined in terms of a specific number of hours of credit, although a few core requirements may be stated. Beyond these core courses, the student is required to select a major area of study, to take courses recommended by an advisory committee in this area, and to pursue coursework in one or more supporting fields. The graduate programs in the college work closely together in the coordination of courses for the doctoral degrees in communication. Supporting fields are most commonly in the social and behavioral sciences, business, education, and linguistics, but the student may suggest other fields.

Core requirements include graduate courses in communication theory and research methodology specified by the departments. Foreign language or substitute research tool requirements are specified by Graduate Studies Committees. Students should consult the program’s graduate advisor for specific requirements.

Doctor of Audiology

The college offers the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) through the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. Information about the program is given in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Degree Requirements.