

JOINT BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

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Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Communication may pursue the Master of Arts in Communication as a joint degree program on an accelerated track. Students apply to the program in their senior year and take 6 hours of graduate-level work as part of their undergraduate degree program. After being admitted to the Graduate School, students complete an additional 24 hours of graduate-level work in a “+1” year.

Admission

Students must meet the following requirements to apply for the program:

- At the time of application, demonstrate a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher and major GPA of 3.4 or higher¹
- Prior to enrolling in graduate-level credits, hold senior status (i.e., at least 90 hours completed) and complete 24 CSS hours, earning a C or higher in each CSS course taken¹

¹ Students may petition for special consideration of exceptions to the GPA standard and hours completed.

Students should consult with the Joint Degree Program Director to confirm the application deadline (typically, February 1), required materials, and appropriate timing of actual enrollment into the Master’s program. Once enrolled, students must earn a “B” (3.0) or higher in the first 12 hours of graduate coursework to remain in good standing in the program.

Curriculum

Joint degree students fulfill the requirements of all undergraduate CSS majors. The 30-hour MA requirement for the joint degree is typically completed during the senior and +1 year. However, students will construct an individual coursework plan with the Graduate Program Director.

Curriculum for the MA Portion of the Joint Degree

All course selections must have the approval of the Program Director.

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
CSS 5V35	Problems in Communication	3
CSS 5351	Methods of Graduate Study	3
or CSS 5352	Seminar in Methods of Rhetorical Criticism	
or CSS 5354	Quantitative Research Methods in Communication	
CSS courses, 5000-level		12
<i>Electives</i>		
Select any CSS or interdisciplinary course in Graduate Catalogue		6
<i>Practicum or Thesis</i>		
CSS 5V98	Praxis Practicum	6
or CSS 5V99	Thesis	
Total Hours		30