JOINT BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Director of the Joint BA/MA in Communication: Leslie A. Hahner

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 higher
- 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 taken

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.*

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*Electives*

- Select any CSS or interdisciplinary course in Graduate Catalogue 6

*Practicum or Thesis*

- CSS 5V98 Praxis Practicum 6
- or CSS 5V99 Thesis

**Total Hours** 30