

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Branch Main

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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program ▼ CIP Code
Name of New or Existing Program * MA in Communication Concentrations
Catalog Page Number 168 Select Category Concentration ▼ Degree Type Masters
Select Action Deletion ▼

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

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This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses

Reason(s) for Request * (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

This is a cleaning up of the catalog. We do not offer concentrations in our master's program and need to delete them from the catalog. We want to allow students to be able to discover and explore all facets of communication. We have a number of students who are already in the work force and are using the masters degree to further their career and knowledge. Others have plans to continue on to the doctorate. The removal of concentrations allows the students greater flexibility in class section.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning

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There are no budgetary, faculty load, or long-range planning implications. All is already in place. The course we are adding to our methods selections is already being offered. We are just cleaning up the catalog for better clarity for students.

M.A. in Communication

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The Master of Arts in Communication is offered under two options—**Plan I (thesis), Plan II (project and comprehensive exam)**—according to regulations set forth in earlier pages of this catalog.

Students are required to complete 500, 501, 507, 538 or 608 and one seminar course **from** 514, 521, 531, 544, 550 and 561.

NOTE: Students are required to complete 500 and 501 during the earliest semesters they are available following admission. All plans require a minimum of 36 credit hours, with at least 27 hours in communication. A tentative plan of study form should be submitted by the second semester, so as to reflect the student's major and minor interests. Contact the director of graduate studies for additional information.

Each candidate is assisted by a committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom must be from outside the department, for Plan I. Candidates must prepare a detailed prospectus and have it approved by their committee prior to proceeding with research for the thesis (Plan I) or beginning work on a project (Plan II). Candidates must submit a written thesis or project report to their committee for examination.

Candidates in Plans I and II are required to complete an oral Master's Examination. These examinations are conducted by the candidate's committee following completion of the thesis or project. This examination emphasizes the thesis or project and assesses the candidate's ability to relate his or her formal course of study to the thesis or project. Candidates must submit their Program of Studies for approval for a master's degree prior to completing this examination. Candidates should consult with their thesis or project advisor concerning deadlines and specific procedures.

Candidates in **Plan II opting for the comprehensive exam must** complete 36 hours of course work and a comprehensive exam. In order to take the comprehensive exams students must have completed 30 units and have taken all the required courses.

Comprehensive exams are offered once a semester.

**Minor in Communication
for Master's Students**

Students getting a Master's degree in other departments may select a minor in Communication. The minor requires 12 credit hours of graduate course work. CJ 500 is required and should be taken as soon as possible. Students must consult with the CJ Graduate Director for advisement before taking 500. There is a 3 credit maximum on Graduate Problems (CJ 593).