

## RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION – MA/MS

YEAR ONE	
First Semester	Second Semester
COMM 6090 COMM 7001 Three elective courses (9 hours) <b>Consult with temporary advisor regarding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semester II classes</li> <li>• Selecting a permanent advisor</li> </ul>	Three elective courses (9 hours) <b>Select Permanent Advisor** Constitute Supervisory Committee**</b>

YEAR TWO	
Third Semester	Fourth Semester
<b>Program of Study Meeting and Approval**</b>  <u>Comprehensive Exams Option:</u> Three elective courses (9 hours)  <u>Project Option:</u> Three elective courses (9 hours) <b>Prospectus Meeting</b> (may coincide with POS meeting)** <b>Check with Graduate Advisor regarding project filing deadlines</b>  <u>Thesis Option:</u> Two elective course (6 hours) <b>Prospectus Meeting</b> (may coincide with POS meeting)** <b>Check with Graduate Advisor regarding thesis filing deadlines</b>	<u>Comprehensive Exams Option:</u> Two elective courses (6 hours) <b>Write comprehensive exams (6 hours)</b> <b>Defend comprehensive exams (2 hours)**</b>  <u>Project Option</u> COMM 6930 (3+ hours) <b>Present project to committee for approval**</b>  <u>Thesis Option</u> COMM 6970 (3+ hours) <b>Submit thesis to committee for approval**</b> <b>Submit thesis to Graduate Advisor and Graduate School Thesis Office</b>

NOTE: **One method course required**, determined by student in consultation with advisor/committee.

NOTE: Based on Minimum Credit Hours

NOTE: Items designated \*\* require notification to DGS and/or forms to be filed with Graduate Advisor

## RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION – PhD

<b>YEAR ONE</b>	
<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>
COMM 6090 COMM 7001 Three elective courses (9 hours) <b>Consult with temporary advisor regarding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semester II classes</li> <li>• Selecting a permanent advisor</li> </ul>	Three courses (9 credits) <b>Select Advisor**</b>
<b>YEAR TWO</b>	
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
Three courses (9 credits) <b>Constitute Supervisory Committee**</b> <b>Program of Study Meeting and Approval**</b>	Three courses (9 credits)
<b>YEAR THREE</b>	
<b>Fifth Semester</b>	<b>Sixth Semester</b>
Two courses (6 credits) COMM 7970 (3 credits) <b>Write Qualifying Exams (16 hours)</b> <b>Defend Qualifying Exams (2 hours)**</b>	COMM 7970 (6 credits) <b>Prospectus Meeting**</b>
<b>YEAR FOUR</b>	
<b>Seventh Semester</b>	<b>Eighth Semester</b>
COMM 7970 (3 credits) <b>Check with Graduate Advisor regarding dissertation deadlines</b>	COMM 7970 (3 credits) <b>Submit dissertation to committee for approval**</b> <b>Submit dissertation to Graduate Advisor <i>and</i> Graduate School Thesis</b>

NOTE: Based on Minimum Credit Hours

NOTE: Items designated \*\* require notification to DGS and/or forms to be filed with Graduate Advisor

NOTE: **Three method courses required (two from department offerings)**, determined by student in consultation with advisor/committee