

RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION – MA/MS

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

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

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

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

YEAR TWO	
Third Semester	Fourth Semester
Three courses (9 credits) Constitute Supervisory Committee** Program of Study Meeting and Approval**	Three courses (9 credits)

YEAR THREE	
Fifth Semester	Sixth Semester
Two courses (6 credits) COMM 7970 (3 credits) Write Qualifying Exams (16 hours) Defend Qualifying Exams (2 hours)**	COMM 7970 (6 credits) Prospectus Meeting**

YEAR FOUR	
Seventh Semester	Eighth Semester
COMM 7970 (3 credits) Check with Graduate Advisor regarding dissertation deadlines	COMM 7970 (3 credits) Submit dissertation to committee for approval** Submit dissertation to Graduate Advisor <i>and</i> Graduate School Thesis

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

NOTE: Based on Minimum Credit Hours

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