

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

**PLAN OF STUDY
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION**

To be filed in the semester in which student enrolls in the twelfth hour of doctoral work. If completing on a word processor you may reformat space as appropriate before printing.

Full Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Date _____

Street Address _____

Student Identification Number _____

City, State, ZIP _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Office Telephone Number _____

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Degree	Major	Institution	Year

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

Program will be undertaken [] Full-Time [] Part-Time

Major Area: _____

Dissertation Area: _____

General Method: _____

PROJECTED CALENDAR OF DEGREE COMPLETION

Degree Requirement	Semester and Year
Completion of Courses	
Major Area Examination	
General Method Examination	
Subject Area Examination (check option) [<input type="checkbox"/>] Dissertation Research Literature Exam [<input type="checkbox"/>] Second Method Exam [<input type="checkbox"/>] Second Content Area Exam [<input type="checkbox"/>] Cognate Exam	
Dissertation Prospectus Examination	
Dissertation Defense	

REQUIRED COURSES			
COMM 700 plus one course in communication theory, either COMM 602, 630, or 652. Specify in the first column which communication theory course was selected.			
Students entering with MA should list the course number and title of the equivalent courses taken during their MA work, indicate the institution at which the course was taken in the semester column, and mark the course with an asterisk. Taking either of these courses at UM adds 3 Semester Hours to the minimum required Semester Hours.			
Course Number	Course Title	Semester to be Undertaken	Semester Hrs at UM
COMM 700	Introduction to Graduate Study in Communication		
COMM 602, 630, or 652			

COGNATE REQUIREMENT (Minimum 6 Semester Hours outside of COMM)			
If proposed cognate courses are not within a single department, attach a justification that the proposed cognate courses constitute a cognate area that is coherent and relevant to dissertation research.			
Course Number	Course Title	Semester to be Undertaken	Semester Hours
Justification of relevance of cognate to dissertation research and (if required) statement of coherence of proposed courses:			

RESEARCH METHODS AND FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENT (Minimum 12 Semester Hours)			
Students must complete one of the following sequences: (a) COMM 702 & 703; (b) COMM 711 & 712; or (c) COMM 714 & 715. In addition, six semester hours may be drawn from courses within or outside of COMM and must be justified to be providing foundational knowledge in the student's area of study and/or additional preparation in methods appropriate for advanced research in the dissertation area.			
Course Number	Course Title	Semester to be Undertaken	Semester Hours
Prerequisite Courses for Required Sequence (if any) (Note: Courses taken as prerequisites for COMM 702 and 703 do not count toward the minimum 12 Semester hour requirement.)			
Required Sequence (Specify the course numbers for the sequence you have selected as your main research method)			

CALCULATION OF MINIMUM CREDIT HOURS

Note: Minimum Credit Hours are not maximum credit hours. Advisory Committee will approve program with additional hours if necessary to prepare student for comprehensive exams and dissertation research.

	Students admitted with MA degree	Students admitted with BA degree
Basic Minimum Requirement	27	48
Add 3 hours if COMM 700 taken at UM (MA to PhD students only)		
Add 3 hours if Theory requirement not waived based on prior course (list course above) (MA to PhD students only)		
Requirements assume MA to PhD students have taken at least 6 hours toward the area of specialization prior to entering the program at UM. Add 3 or 6 hours as appropriate when prior credit hours in the area of specialization do not total at least 6.		
Minimum Credit Hours required at UM (total hours above)		48
UM Semester Hours listed in this program (must exceed minimum)		

COMPLIANCE WITH PHD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

If any exceptions of PhD program requirements are included above attach a "Request for Exemption from Regulations" to this form. All exemptions must be approved by the Graduate Committee following approval by the Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF PLAN OF STUDY

- Plan was approved by unanimous vote of Committee without request for meeting
- Plan was approved by unanimous vote of Committee held on _____

_____ Signature of Committee Member	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Committee Member	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Committee Member	_____ Date
_____ (Signature of Optional Committee Member)	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Advisory Committee Chair	_____ Date

[] Approved [] Not Approved

Signature of Graduate Director

Date

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