**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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| **Name:** | **NAU ID:** |
| **NAU E-mail Address:** | **Phone Number:** |
| **Term of Admission:** | **Expected Graduation Term/Year:** |
| **Advisor:** | **Required Credits for Degree Program: 36** |

# **Required Courses (12 units required):**

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| **Course** | **Course Title** | **Replacement Course** | **Semester** | **Year** | **Units** | **Grade** | **T/P/I/A\*\*** |
| COM 600 | Communication Theory and Application |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 601 | Graduate Study in Communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 698 | Seminar in Communication Theory |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Select one from the following courses for your research methods requirement (3 units required):** 
   1. COM 602, COM 603, or COM 604.
   2. It is recommended that students in the Documentary Studies Emphasis select COM 603.
   3. It is recommended that students in the Strategic Communication Emphasis select COM 603 or COM 604.

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**II. Emphasis (18-21 units required):** Choose from the Communication Studies Emphasis, Documentary Studies Emphasis, or Strategic Communication Emphasis.

**Option 1: Communication Studies Emphasis (18-21 units required):**

* Select from the following options: CST 503, CST 524, CST 560, CST 565, CST 568, CST 571, CST 572, CST 575, CST 577, CST 599, CST 623
* Up to 6 units from the following: COM 525, COM 546, COM 560
* Up to 3 units from the following: COM 535, COM 599, COM 605
* Up to 6 additional units from the following: COM 602, COM 603, COM 604
* Up to 6 additional units of COM 698 (with different topics)
* In consultation with your advisor, you may select up to 9 units of coursework, with up to 6 units at the 400-level, from outside of Communication and Communication Studies. These courses must be taken while a graduate student. 400-level courses require a form filed with the Registrar to count toward degree requirements.
* No more than 6 units of individualized studies such as independent studies (COM 697 or CST 697) and graduate research (COM 685 or CST 685) are allowed in the student’s coursework.

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**Option 2: Documentary Studies Emphasis (18-21 units required)**

* **COM 535, COM 550, COM 605 (9 units required)**
* **Additional Coursework (9-12 units required)**: Chosen in consultation with a graduate faculty advisor. Select elective courses from any graduate program at NAU that will help provide you the research tools, specialization, knowledge, and intercultural understanding for documentary work. Such disciplines could include, but are not limited to: anthropology, communication, environmental science, ethnic studies, women’s and gender studies, sociology, among others.

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| COM 535 | Documentary Skills and Storytelling Practicum |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 550 | Documentary Research Practicum  *Pre-req: COM 535* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 605 | Introduction to Documentary Issues, Theories, and Methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Option 3: Strategic Communication Emphasis (18-21 units required)**

* **COM 525, COM 546, COM 560 (9 units required)**
* **Additional coursework (9-12 units required):** Chosen in consultation with a graduate faculty advisor. Select elective courses from any graduate program that will help provide you with the research tools, specialization, and knowledge needed for work in the strategic communication industries (advertising or public relations) or for preparation for doctoral studies.

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| COM 525 | Mass Communication and Human Behavior |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 546 | Social Media Analytics and Management |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COM 560 | Crisis Communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**III. Thesis or Project Option (3-6 units required):** Select either Thesis or Project Option.

* **Thesis Option (6 units required):**  COM 699
  + Be aware that students may end up taking more than the 6 units that count toward the degree, as enrollment in COM 699 is required each fall and spring semester once a student begins the thesis until the student graduates. Additionally, students must enroll for at least 1 unit of COM 699 the semester in which they plan to defend and graduate, including summer, regardless of the number of units already taken.
  + Students selecting the thesis option are required to complete 18 units of formal letter-graded coursework.
* **Project Option (3-6 units required):** COM 690
  + Be aware that students may end up taking more than the 3 unit minimum for this degree, as at least one credit of COM 690 may be required each semester in which a student works on a project.
  + Students selecting the project option must complete 24 units of formal letter-graded coursework.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Students enrolled in this plan may not enroll in or pursue the following due to the number of overlapping units:

* Science Communication, Graduate Certificate

This Program of Study documents your progress on your academic requirements for the degree and catalog year listed above. For Department of Defense-related requirements, it serves as the evaluated and approved educational plan.

In addition to all University and Office of Graduate & Professional Studies (OGPS) policies, procedures, and requirements, graduate students must also adhere to the academic requirements, policies, procedures, and criteria outlined by their program’s Graduate Student Handbook.

**Students:**

You must secure official approval by your advisor and Department Chair/Director before submitting your final Program of Study for graduation.

By signing or entering your name below, you agree to the following statement:

*“Students are responsible for complete knowledge of Academic Catalog requirements in their degree plan for their catalog year and adhering to all policies in the Academic Catalog.”*

**Advisors and Chairs/Directors:**

Please indicate approval of the curriculum on the Program of Study by placing your signature (formal digital signatures are permitted) in the space provided.

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| **Student:** | **Date:** |
| **Advisor:** | **Date:** |
| **Chair:** | **Date:** |

**\*\*Transfer/Previous Graduate Degree/Internal Transfer/Accelerated (T/P/I/A)** – Must have Advisor approval

Transfer T = Course transferred from another university

Previous Graduate Degree P = Course taken at NAU from previous graduate degree

Internal Transfer I = Graduate-level course taken as undergraduate; Not applied to undergraduate degree

Accelerated Program “Dual-use” A = Courses completed during the undergraduate career and used to satisfy both the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree requirements. ONLY for designated Accelerated students.