

# Communication, MA

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Graduate Communication website (<https://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-communication.php>)

## Degree Offered

Master of Arts, Plan B only

## Program Description

The J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication graduate program in communication prepares students for intellectual, artistic, professional and ethical leadership in a complex technological and multicultural world. It uses a core of common knowledge, values and communication skills to improve understanding of communication as a cultural and social process and to develop the skills necessary for success in constantly changing information environments. Students can specialize in one of two areas: communication and media studies, or digital communication strategies. The master's program takes an integrative approach that emphasizes how contemporary communication practices, technologies and professions intersect and encourages students to learn from one another's specialized interests.

The communication and media studies specialization focuses upon deeper skills of analysis and research in communication and prepares students for advanced roles in their careers or for doctoral studies. The digital communication strategies specialization focuses upon the planning and use of communication technologies and prepares students to work as leaders in their professional fields.

Students are encouraged to tailor the degree to their individual interests by choosing from the varied proseminars or topics courses offered in communication, or from courses offered in other Marquette graduate programs, including business, marketing, English, psychology and political science.

Both specializations require a problem-based, interdisciplinary, organizationally grounded educational experience. Milwaukee offers a rich urban landscape for communication study, with a wide array of advertising and public relations agencies, major corporations, consulting firms, broadcast stations, general interest and specialized newspapers and magazines, and online publications. Students in the program have the opportunity to collaborate with each other and with faculty and learn from one another's experiences as writers, designers, multi-media specialists, consultants, trainers and marketers.

Upon the completion of the master of arts degree program in communication, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply research-based, theory-informed knowledge to the identification and solution of real-life issues in the field.
2. Apply ethical decision-making skills in a variety of communication situations.
3. Integrate knowledge from the discipline of communication with the chosen specialization area.

## Master of Arts in Corporate Communication

In addition to our master of arts in communication, the J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication offers a master of arts in corporate communication in conjunction with the Graduate School of Management. This 30 credit-hour program combines advanced course work in communication and business to prepare students for an executive-level communication role. See the Corporate Communication bulletin page (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/business-administration/corporate-communication-ma/#text>) for more information on this master of arts and its related five-year accelerated degree program.

## Dual Programs of Study

### M.A. in Communication and M.A. in Political Science

### M.A. in Communication and M.A. in International Affairs

The J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication, in conjunction with the Department of Political Science, offers a program of dual study leading to a master of arts degree in communication and a master of arts degree in political science or international affairs. Dual degree students are able to complete both degree programs in less time than if both degrees were pursued separately.

Students seeking admission into the dual degree program must submit to the Graduate School separate applications for admission to both programs, including two sets of required documentation, and must meet the admission requirements of each program. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance into the other. If a student is accepted into one program and not the other, the student can still choose to accept the admission offer from the first program but would not be considered a dual degree student. Because students are officially admitted into only one Marquette University graduate program at a time, applicants must indicate which program they intend to pursue and complete first, although once accepted for admission to both programs, students may take courses from both departments. Upon completion of the first program, the student is officially admitted to the second program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

Dual degree students count 9 credits of course work in each program toward the required course work credits of the other program. Thus, 9 of the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree in communication come from POSC courses, and 9 of the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree in political science or international affairs come from COMM courses.

## Communication Master of Arts

**Specializations:** Communication and Media Studies, Digital Communication Strategies

Students are required to choose a specialization and must complete 30 credit hours of course work. Only 3 credit hours total may be at the 5000 level. If approved by the director of studies, up to 6 credits hours may be taken in COMM 6995 Independent Study in Communication. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.000 with no grades below a C.

### Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 6001	Communication Theory in Context	3
COMM 6002	Communication Research in Action	3
COMM 6250	Communication as Ethical Practice	3
Specialization courses (see details below)		12
Elective course <sup>1</sup>		3
Final credits will come from any combination of the following:		6
6 additional credits of course work <sup>2</sup>		
COMM 6964	O'Brien Fellowship Practicum	
COMM 6998	Professional Project in Communication <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> The elective may include any course at the 5000 level or above including communication professions and society proseminars and digital communication strategies courses. Students may also choose a course in other departments selected in consultation with advisers.

<sup>2</sup> Additional credits of course work may include communication professions and society proseminars and digital communication strategies courses. Students may also choose courses in other departments selected in consultation with advisers.

<sup>3</sup> Any student in this program may choose to conduct independent research where the end product is a publication-ready manuscript; however, students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. will be advised to complete a manuscript.

### Specialization Details

#### Communication and Media Studies

This specialization provides students with the theoretical and methodological foundation needed for positions of intellectual leadership in communication professions or for doctoral studies. The proseminar format encourages students to discover their individual interests within a broad spectrum of communication concepts, theories and research methods.

The proseminars are organized under six important contemporary topics; their exact content and title vary depending upon term and instructor. Proseminars may be repeated under different titles.

To complete the communication professions and society specialization, students must choose 3 proseminars from the following list and one additional COMM course at the 6000 level. Each course has variable topics and may be repeated once.

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 6953	Proseminar in Health, Science and Environment	3
COMM 6954	Proseminar in Media	3
COMM 6955	Proseminar in Organizations	3
COMM 6956	Proseminar in Public Life	3
COMM 6957	Proseminar in Relationships	3
COMM 6958	Proseminar in Technology	3

#### Digital Communication Strategies

This specialization provides students with the conceptual foundation and practical training they need to help organizations plan and execute effective digital communication strategies. Courses help students identify and plan communication strategy, develop digital content, and measure the effectiveness of communication messages within a variety of professional contexts, including advertising, public relations and journalism. Students may tailor their course selections to meet their professional needs and interests.

The digital communication strategies specialization offers topic-based courses that take an applied approach to the strategic use of digital communication technologies. Specific titles vary depending upon term and instructor and topics courses may be repeated under different titles.

To complete the digital communication strategies specialization, students choose 3 courses from the following list and one additional COMM course at the 6000 level. Each course has variable topics and may be repeated once.

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 6810	Digital Communication Strategies for Content	3
COMM 6815	Digital Communication Strategies in Metrics	3
COMM 6820	Digital Communication Strategies for Technologies	3
COMM 6825	Digital Communication Strategies for Leadership	3

## Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Program

The accelerated degree program in the College of Communication allows Marquette University students to earn both a bachelor of arts degree with a major in digital media, advertising, communication studies, corporate communication, journalism, media studies, public relations or performing arts and a master of arts degree in communication in five years. Students complete 9-12 hours of approved graduate credit in communication during their senior undergraduate year that count as part of the undergraduate credit hour requirement.

Upon completion of the first term as a master's candidate, the student must petition the Graduate School to transfer the courses taken as an undergraduate to the master's degree. All remaining master's degree requirements may be completed during the subsequent summer, fall and spring terms.

Candidates for admission should have undergraduate junior status, have completed at least 3 upper-division communication courses and should have a major GPA of at least 3.500 and an overall GPA of at least 3.200. Candidates for admission should submit transcripts and three letters of recommendation but need not submit GRE scores. Candidates for admission to this program should notify the associate dean for graduate studies and research of their intentions.

## University Policies

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- Academic Integrity (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/academic-integrity/>)
- Academic Misconduct (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/academic-misconduct-policy/>)
- Academic Program Definitions (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/academic-programs-defined/>)
- Accelerated Degree Programs (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/accelerated-degree-programs/>)
- Attendance - Graduate School (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/attendance/graduate/>)
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- Background Checks, Drug Testing (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/background-checks-drug-testing/>)
- Class Rank (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/class-rank/>)
- Commencement (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/commencement/>)
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- Repeated Courses - Graduate School (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/repeated-courses/graduate/>)
- Student Data Use and Privacy (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/student-data-use-privacy/>)
- Transcripts-Official (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/transcripts-official/>)

- Transfer Course Credit - Graduate School (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/transfer-course-credit-policy/graduate/>)
- Withdrawal - Graduate School (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/withdrawals/graduate/>)

## Graduate School Policies

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- Academic Programs Overview (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/graduate/policies/academic-programs-overview/>)
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- Research Involving Humans, Animals, Radioisotopes or Recombinant DNA/Transgenic Organisms (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/graduate/policies/research-involving-humans-animals-radioisotopes-recombinant-dnatransgenic-organisms/>)
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- Time Limitations (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/graduate/policies/time-limitations/>)
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### COMM 5200 International Communication (3 credits)

History of the comparison among present structures of national media systems and the role of journalism within them. Principles of international news flow, gatekeeping, impact of technology, and the relationship between developing countries. Exploration of various models of press-government relationships.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Fall Term, 2015 Spring Term, 2014 Spring Term, 2013 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205200>)

### COMM 5500 Race and Gender Issues in Mass Media (3 credits)

Surveys the past and present relationship between women and racial and ethnic minorities in the United States and the mass media. Specifically, the issues of how women and people of color are portrayed in the news and entertainment media, the role of ownership, employment and access to the media institutions will be studied. Women's Studies elective.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term, 2019 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205500>)

### COMM 5550 Media and the Other (3 credits)

Analysis of media created for and by a wide array of audiences, especially those outside of what is sometimes called "mainstream" media. The ways in which social and cultural ideas of "us" and "other" are formed, reinforced, and sometimes challenged through the media lens are identified and debated. Students consider and identify the power of media to form and honor (or dishonor) identity and whether it is possible or desirable to produce media that are identity-neutral.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2021 Fall Term, 2020 Fall Term, 2019 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205550>)

### COMM 5600 Media Management (3 credits)

Staffing, organization, economics, salaries, law, labor negotiations and community relations as involved in the mass media. Theoretical and practical approaches to the problems of management.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2018 Fall Term, 2017 Fall Term, 2017 Spring Term, 2016 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205600>)

**COMM 5700 Media and Politics (3 credits)**

How the news media cover politics and how politicians deal with news coverage. Emphasizes recent presidential campaigns, with special attention to ethical issues, the impact of new media, campaign advertising and strategies used by politicians and journalists.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205700>)

**COMM 5750 Media, Technology and Culture (3 credits)**

Draws on books, films, television shows and other elements of popular culture to consider the historical and conceptual foundations of new media technologies and their impact on contemporary culture.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term, 2017 Spring Term, 2014 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205750>)

**COMM 5931 Topics in Communication (1-3 credits)**

Various topics in communication to be announced in the schedule of classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205931>)

**COMM 5953 Seminar in Communication (1-3 credits)**

Special topics of seminar to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Variable topics.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2018 Fall Term, 2016 Fall Term, 2015 Fall Term, 2013 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%205953>)

**COMM 6001 Communication Theory in Context (3 credits)**

An introduction to communication theory as both intellectual and professional practice, with special attention to how it applies to the study of organizations; media; health, science, and the environment; public life; technology; and relationships.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2021 Fall Term, 2020 Fall Term, 2019 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206001>)

**COMM 6002 Communication Research in Action (3 credits)**

Explores professional and scholarly applications of research methodologies related to issues and problems in the study of organizations; media; health, science, and the environment; public life; technology; and relationships.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206002>)

**COMM 6250 Communication as Ethical Practice (3 credits)**

Explores the role of ethics in professional and scholarly life. Students will learn ethical theories, how to analyze a communication related ethics problem, derive and answer a normative-question related to the problem and learn to critically analyze and evaluate texts from a variety of communicative settings.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206250>)

**COMM 6810 Digital Communication Strategies for Content (3 credits)**

Discusses strategies for creating and evaluating textual, audio, and video materials for different platforms and audiences. Focus varies; topics may include: digital content management, writing for the web, branding and social journalism. Course topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Fall Term, 2020 Spring Term, 2019 Fall Term, 2018 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206810>)

**COMM 6815 Digital Communication Strategies in Metrics (3 credits)**

Explores methods used to measure the impacts and effectiveness of digital communication across a variety of audiences and platforms (text, audio, video, and web). Focus varies; topics may include: measurement, analytics, user experience and the integration of return on investment (ROI). Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2018 Fall Term, 2016 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206815>)

**COMM 6820 Digital Communication Strategies for Technologies (3 credits)**

Teaches the use of technology in digital communication in various forms, including but not limited to persuasion, history and entertainment. Includes hands-on practice in constructing multimedia messages and students learn the art of storytelling using print, visual and aural media. Focus varies; topics include the integration of multimedia and various technologies to enhance the interactivity of platforms. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2020 Fall Term, 2019 Spring Term, 2017 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206820>)

**COMM 6825 Digital Communication Strategies for Leadership (3 credits)**

Focuses on the use of communication leadership theories to coordinate organizational practices in an era of widespread technology and new media use. Focus varies; topics may include: digital communication management, executive communication via digital communication, project management, legal and ethical issues posed by new technologies and reputation management. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206825>)

**COMM 6931 Topics in Communication (3 credits)**

Directed individual/group investigation of a selected topic or problem in communication. May be taken more than once when topics vary.

*Prerequisite:* COMM 6000 and COMM 6050; cons. of the associate dean for graduate studies.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2018 Fall Term, 2018 Spring Term, 2017 Spring Term, 2015 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206931>)

**COMM 6953 Proseminar in Health, Science and Environment (3 credits)**

Explores media and communication practices that shape public discussions of health, science and environmental issues. Focus varies; topics may include: managing risk and uncertainty, health communication, science and public policy and crisis communication. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Spring Term, 2019 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206953>)

**COMM 6954 Proseminar in Media (3 credits)**

Analyzes media as social, cultural, political and economic institutions. Focus varies; topics may include: the political economy of media, sports and media, the sociology of communication and media rituals. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Fall Term, 2021 Fall Term, 2020 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206954>)

**COMM 6955 Proseminar in Organizations (3 credits)**

Analyzes organizations and organizational practices from a variety of theoretical and applied perspectives. Focus varies; topics may include: organizational rhetoric, systems theory, strategic communication, crisis communication and corporate communication. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Fall Term, 2019 Fall Term, 2019 Summer Term, 2018 Summer Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206955>)

**COMM 6956 Proseminar in Public Life (3 credits)**

Analyzes the rhetorical and political practices that help sustain the public life of democratic societies. Focus varies; topics may include: persuasion and propaganda, free expression, rhetoric and civic life, and argument and public discourse. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2021 Fall Term, 2020 Fall Term, 2019 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206956>)

**COMM 6957 Proseminar in Relationships (3 credits)**

Analyzes personal communication, focusing on the development of relationships and the interpretation of meaning in everyday personal interaction. Focus varies; topics may include: family communication, conflict, interpersonal communication, gender and communication and intercultural communication. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2019 Spring Term, 2017 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206957>)

**COMM 6958 Proseminar in Technology (3 credits)**

Examines the role that communication technologies have played in creating new models of social order, reshaping the forms of political and economic power and transforming group identity and personal life. Focus varies; topics may include: the history of the Internet, the use of communication technology in organizations, digital media and the global order and technologies of surveillance. Seminar topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206958>)

**COMM 6961 Special Institute/Workshop/Project (1-3 credits)**

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Spring Term, 2015 Fall Term, 2015 Spring Term, 2014 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206961>)

**COMM 6964 O'Brien Fellowship Practicum (3 credits)**

The O'Brien Fellowship in Public Service Journalism practicum offers students the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with a professional journalist on an in-depth reporting project for an entire academic year and earn up to six credits. O'Brien interns are treated as entry-level reporters who help research, suggest, and write multimedia stories, gather data and more.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Summer Term, 2022 Fall Term, 2022 Summer Term, 2021 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206964>)

**COMM 6995 Independent Study in Communication (1-3 credits)**

Faculty-supervised, independent study or scholarly research of a specific area or topic in communication.; cons. of the assoc. dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Fall Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206995>)

**COMM 6998 Professional Project in Communication (1-3 credits)**

S/U grade assessment., COMM 6964; approved project proposal and cons. of the associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Summer Term, 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Fall Term, 2022 Summer Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206998>)

**COMM 6999 Master's Thesis (1-6 credits)**

S/U grade assessment.; approved thesis outline and cons. of the associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Summer Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%206999>)

**COMM 9970 Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as less than half-time status only, cannot be used in conjunction with other courses, and does not qualify students for financial aid or loan deferment.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Fall Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209970>)

**COMM 9974 Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term, 2013 Spring Term, 2012 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209974>)

**COMM 9975 Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Fall Term, 2021 Summer Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209975>)

**COMM 9976 Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209976>)

**COMM 9977 Field Placement Continuation: Less than Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week at their field placement.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Spring Term, 2012 Fall Term, 2012 Spring Term, 2009 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209977>)

**COMM 9978 Field Placement Continuation: Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week at their field placement.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Spring Term, 2015 Fall Term, 2015 Spring Term, 2012 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209978>)

**COMM 9979 Field Placement Continuation: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week at their field placement.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2016 Spring Term, 2015 Fall Term, 2015 Spring Term, 2012 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209979>)

**COMM 9984 Master's Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Less than Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week toward their master's comprehensive exam.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2012 Spring Term, 2009 Fall Term, 2008 Fall Term, 2008 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209984>)

**COMM 9985 Master's Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week toward their master's comprehensive exam. May be taken in conjunction with credit-bearing or other non-credit courses to result in the status indicated, as deemed appropriate by the department.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2012 Spring Term, 2009 Fall Term, 2008 Fall Term, 2008 Spring Term

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**COMM 9986 Master's Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week toward their master's comprehensive exam. May be taken in conjunction with credit-bearing or other non-credit courses to result in the status indicated, as deemed appropriate by the department.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2012 Spring Term, 2009 Fall Term, 2008 Fall Term, 2008 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209986>)

**COMM 9991 Professional Project Continuation: Less than Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their professional project. Any professional project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Fall Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Fall Term

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**COMM 9992 Professional Project Continuation: Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week on their professional project. Any project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2023 Summer Term, 2023 Spring Term, 2022 Fall Term, 2022 Summer Term

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**COMM 9993 Professional Project Continuation: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week on their professional project. Any professional project credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Professional Project Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Fall Term

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**COMM 9994 Master's Thesis Continuation: Less than Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Fall Term, 2020 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209994>)

**COMM 9995 Master's Thesis Continuation: Half-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2020 Spring Term, 2019 Fall Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209995>)

**COMM 9996 Master's Thesis Continuation: Full-Time (0 credits)**

Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week on their master's thesis. All six thesis credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Master's Thesis Continuation.; cons. of associate dean for graduate studies.

*Prerequisite:* Cons. of dept. ch.

*Level of Study:* Graduate

*Last four terms offered:* 2022 Spring Term, 2021 Summer Term, 2021 Spring Term, 2019 Spring Term

Schedule of Classes (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/class-search/?details&code=COMM%209996>)