

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Program Worksheet**  
**For Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Degrees in Communication Studies**

**Part 1: Required Courses: 6 Credits**

Com 501 Com Theory \_\_\_\_\_ (Sem/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Fall)

Com 502 Research Methods \_\_\_\_\_ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Spring)

**Part 2: Required Topical Seminars: 12 Credits (Submit a Program of Study form after 9- 12 credits!)**

(Sub Topic Title)	(Sem/Yr)
Com510 _____	_____ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Fall)
Com520/COM522 _____	_____ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Fall)
Com530 _____	_____ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Spring)
Com540 _____	_____ ( 3 credits; usually offered in Spring)

**Part 3: Electives: 12 Credits**

(graduate-credit courses, including a maximum of 6 credits of independent study at the 500 level)

(Dept/#)	(Title)	(Sem/yr)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Complete Ind. Study set-up sheet if needed)

**Part 4: Comprehensive Exam:** During the spring semester of your fifth year, you will take a two-day written comprehensive examination followed by an oral examination by your comprehensive exam committee. For more information on comprehensive exam guidelines, go to <https://harrington.uri.edu/academics/communication-studies-m-a/curriculum/>

**Comprehensive Exam** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oral Defense** \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes:

1. Up to 9 credits of coursework at the 400 level (a grade of B- or above to be qualified according to the graduate school manual) may count toward both your Bachelor's degree and as electives toward completing the 30 credits of your Master's degree. Below is a list of 400-level graduate-credit courses offered by the Department of Communication Studies (**the list may change; you should double check**). Other 400-level graduate-credit courses offered by the other departments in the Harrington School may also be double counted; consult your academic advisor or the graduate program director for this.
  1. COM 402: Leadership
  2. COM 411: Advanced Rhetorical Theory
  3. COM 415: Ethics of Persuasion
  4. COM 416: Propaganda
  5. COM 417: Media Industry History & Practice
  6. COM 421: Advanced Interpersonal
  7. COM 422: Communication and Conflict
  8. COM 440: Telecommunications Processes
  9. COM 441: Race, Class and Gender in Media
  10. COM 442: Strategic Media Communication (Cross-listed as (PRS), WRT, COM 442, JOR 443)
  11. COM 445: Media Advertising
  12. COM 446: Media Theory
  13. COM 447: Entertainment Media Research
  14. COM 450: Organizational Communication Theory
  15. COM 455: Science and Communication in a Century of Limits
  16. COM 460: Environmental COM
  17. COM 461: Managing Cultural Differences in Organizations
  18. COM 462: Com and Global Society

Note: COM 491/492 Special Problems: Independent Study can not be double counted because "all courses in the Program of Study deemed to carry research, independent study, or directed study credits must be at the 500 level" (see below).

2. Some important notes from the Graduate School Manual (<https://web.uri.edu/graduate-manual/>),

9.11. All courses taken for program credit must be at the graduate level. All courses in the Program of Study deemed to carry research, independent study, or directed study credits must be at the 500 level. No more than half of the remaining credits in the Program of Study can be at the 400 level, and the remainder must be at the 500 or 600 level. As an example, in a Program of Study with a total of 30 credits, 6 of which are for master's research credits, only 12 credits or fewer of 400-level coursework can be included.

### **3. For graduate credit courses, a grade of C or better is required for 500- and 600-level courses, and B- or higher for 400-level courses.**

Programs of Study for all thesis- and dissertation-based graduate programs must be approved by the student, the major professor, the program committee, the department Chair or Graduate Program Director, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Programs of Study for all non-thesis master's degree programs must be approved by the student, the major professor or advisor, the department Chair or Graduate Program Director, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Programs of Study not consistent with the policies outlined earlier in Section 9 will be considered only after submission of a written justification and evaluation of each individual case.