

## *The M.A. Degree at the University of Arizona*

The M.A. degree offers training in communication theory and research that can serve as a foundation to achieve a variety of career objectives. M.A. Students pursue either a thesis option or a non-thesis option. The thesis option prepares students to seek placement in highly competitive Ph.D. programs in Communication, emphasizing theory, research design, problem conceptualization, quantitative analytic methodologies, and the ability to conduct research; culminating in the M.A. thesis. The non-thesis option (while emphasizing the same content areas as the thesis option) provides students with the communication-based background necessary for advanced professional performance in business, media, government, or community college teaching. This option culminates in a final written and oral comprehensive exam (comps).



- 1) **Core Courses:** All students in the M.A. program must complete all *three* of the following core courses.
  - 500: Introduction to Graduate Studies in Communication
  - 561: Research Methodologies I
  - 571: Research Methodologies II
- 2) **Theory Courses:** All students in the M.A. program must complete *two* theory seminars and may take additional theory courses as electives. Theory seminars are offered in Mass Communication Theory, Interpersonal Theory, Theories of Social Influence, and Health Communication Theory.
- 3) **Research Team:** All students must participate on a research team (Comm 900) for one credit per semester. Four research team credits are required for the M.A. degree.
- 4) **Elective Courses:** All remaining credits are fulfilled with elective classes chosen by the student.

### **M.A. STUDENT FUNDING**

1. Master's students typically receive a **teaching assistantship** for two years.
2. **Summer funding** is commonly available within the department: most students who want to teach summer courses have historically received funding to teach at least one.
3. **Fellowship funding** is available via university-wide competitive fellowships, and department awards in the areas of teaching, research, and classroom performance.
4. **Professional Development and Travel funding** is available for students who are currently in residence in Tucson and active within the program. This funding is dependent on student's merit, financial need, and quality of proposal for use of funds to develop professionally through conferences, workshops, and other scholarly opportunities.

Application information and further details at: <http://comm.arizona.edu/grads>

Application Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ARIZONA



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION MASTER'S PROGRAM**

### **DEADLINES FOR FALL ADMISSION**

for DOMESTIC and INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

**Application Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Files will not be reviewed until all materials are received.*

**For program information go to: <https://comm.arizona.edu/grads>**

**To apply go to: <http://grad.arizona.edu> and click APPLY NOW**

---

## **M.A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

---

- International students: **TOEFL iBT 80, PBT 550 or IELTS IELTS** composite score of 7.5 with no subject area below 7 (8 is recommended level)
  - **Writing sample** (honors thesis, class paper, or similar evidence of scholarly writing)
  - The majority of M.A. students admitted to the Department of Communication graduate program have **GRE scores** at or above 156 on Verbal, 146 on Quantitative, and 4.5 on Analytical Writing subtests, and a minimum **GPA** of 3.25. Some students are admitted with lower scores, but prospective applicants whose scores fall substantially below these numbers, and especially those with scores below the 50th percentile on any subtest, are encouraged to retake the **GRE**.
- UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CODE:** 4832  
**DEPT GRE MAJOR FIELD CODE:** Select one of the following that best fits your interest: comm & media studies 4507; comm technologies 4502; mass comm 4508; radio, TV, & digital comm 4505; speech comm 4506; comm & journalism – other 4599.
- **3 letters of recommendation** addressing the applicant's academic and intellectual qualifications, preferably from instructors
  - **Statement of Purpose** (1500-2000 words) should be broken into the following sections: (a) your scholarly and research interests in the field of communication, (b) why you wish to pursue graduate study in the Department of Communication at the University of Arizona (including explicit connections between your research interests and our core faculty's areas of expertise), and (c) your plans following completion of your graduate degree.
  - For the purposes of application evaluation, we will accept **unofficial transcripts** of credits earned from ALL colleges and universities attended. If the applicant accepts offer of admission, we will require **official transcripts** of credits earned from ALL colleges and universities attended.

### **FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE**

---

- Teaching Assistantships
- Fellowships and tuition scholarships determined by Graduate Admissions Committee

### **DEPARTMENT ADDRESS**

**DEPARTMENT FAX:** 520-621-5504

---

Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Communication  
University of Arizona  
1103 E. University Blvd, Bldg. #25, Rm. 211  
P.O. Box 210025  
Tucson, AZ 85721

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION:**

Contact the program coordinator at [trm@email.arizona.edu](mailto:trm@email.arizona.edu) or 520-621-0505.