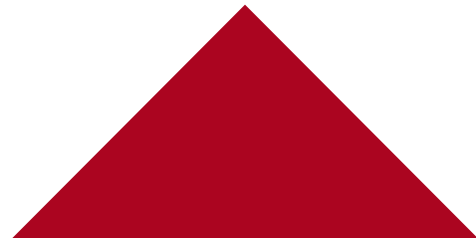




THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
Communication

# Accelerated MA Program in Communication

*An MA degree in one more year!*



## Who should apply?

### This Program is For You if You...

- are interested in learning more research skills but don't want to write a thesis
- want additional writing skills to improve your job prospects
- enjoy learning and engaging with ideas about human communication
- are seeking credentials to support applications to law school, etc.
- plan to look for a job after the MA

### This Program is **Not** For You if You

- are seeking training for a specific career in PR, advertising, journalism, etc., or are looking to gain professional communication skills: you probably should explore a "professional" MA degree
- are considering a PhD after the MA: you should consider regular 2-year MA programs that require a thesis (including our regular MA!)



# Accelerated MA Program

## During your undergraduate senior year

- Take 12 credits of 500-level coursework
- These courses double-count toward both your BA ***and*** your MA!
- Graduate with your BA in the spring

## After graduating with your BA

- Take 22 credits of graduate-level coursework
- Graduate with your MA in the spring

Timeline	
<b>Semester 1</b> Undergraduate senior year	6 credits 500, 561
<b>Semester 2</b> Undergraduate senior year	6 credits 571, 500-level elective
<b>Semester 3</b> Graduate year	12 credits Electives and first theory course
<b>Semester 4</b> Graduate year	9 credits Electives and second theory course 1 credit Comprehensive exams (COMM 599)
<b>Total</b>	<b>34 credits</b>

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# Admission

## Eligibility

- COMM Major
- Junior / Will be an undergrad for one more year
- Overall GPA of 3.3 or higher (when applying)
- Have at least 75 undergraduate credit hours when you apply for the AMP; will have at least 90 credits completed by Fall
- Submit graduate application
  - *Application Authorization Code*
  - Online Application and fee
  - Letter of recommendation (preferably from a COMM professor)
  - Two-page statement of purpose
  - Resume
  - Transcripts

## How to Apply

- Email Marissa Diaz, [marissadiaz23@arizona.edu](mailto:marissadiaz23@arizona.edu), for an *Application Authorization Code*
- Visit <https://grad.arizona.edu> and complete the graduate application

GRE scores are *not* required

# Funding

- Students' existing undergraduate scholarships typically apply to classes taken during the first year of the program
- Funding for the second year is the student's responsibility
  - Department assistance is sometimes available, but never guaranteed

# For more information

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