

COMMUNICATION STUDIES AGRADE PROGRAM

The AGRADE program enables highly qualified Communication Studies seniors to enroll simultaneously in undergraduate and graduate programs and to apply a maximum of 12 credits toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. The program encourages such students to continue to graduate school at Wayne State by reducing the time to the master's degree. Only AGRADE-approved courses in which the student has earned a B or higher will transfer to the graduate transcript. Once in the master's program, students may be required to repeat an AGRADE course in which they earn less than a B grade.

Eligibility: AGRADE applicants must have an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.5. Applicants are also expected to have performed at a superior level in their major, as determined by the major department and reflected in a GPA in the major of at least 3.6 at the time of application.

Application: A student seeking AGRADE status should present to the Department of Communication Graduate Committee all of the materials which that department requires for normal admission to the M.A. program with a concentration in Communication Studies. Specific departmental admission requirements can be found in this bulletin or obtained from the Graduate Advisor in the Department of Communication (313-577-2959).

The earliest date by which a student may apply for the AGRADE program is during the semester in which he/she completes 90 credits toward the undergraduate degree.

AGRADE Credits: Students may elect a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve AGRADE credits. These credits will be used to complete the baccalaureate degree as well as to serve as the beginning of graduate study. Upon formal admission to a master's program, AGRADE credits are transferred as if they were graduate credits transferred from a graduate program at another university. The remaining graduate credits required for the master's degree will be earned in the conventional manner following formal admission to the graduate program. Formal admission to the graduate program occurs as AGRADE students complete their baccalaureate degree.

Students admitted into an AGRADE program will develop a Plan of Work for the master's program, specifying the courses that will be taken in the AGRADE status as well as the courses required for the balance of the undergraduate degree. **Note that COM 7000 must be taken in the first semester of AGRADE coursework.** The remaining AGRADE courses must be approved by both the student's undergraduate program advisor and the graduate director of the master's program. In courses permitting both undergraduate and graduate students to enroll, AGRADE students will be held to the graduate standard.

For more details about the AGRADE program, contact the Graduate Advisor in the Department of Communication (313-577-2959)

In addition to the course work below, students must complete all of the department's general degree requirements (<https://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-fine-performing-communication-arts/communication/ba-requirements/>).

Major in Communication Studies

Students majoring in Communication Studies must complete 36 credit hours, distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses		18
COM 1010	Oral Communication: Basic Speech	
COM 2000	Introduction to Communication Studies	
COM 2110	Argumentation and Debate	
COM 3400	Theories of Communication	
COM 4190	Rhetorical Criticism	
	or COM 4210 Research Methods in Communication	
COM 5900	Senior Project in Communication Studies	
Select two of the following 2000/3000 level courses:		6
COM 2160	Campaigns and Social Movements	
COM 2170	Persuasive Speaking	
COM 2200	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 2300	Intercultural Communication	
COM 3170	Fundamentals of Public Relations	
COM 3250	Introduction to Organizational Communication	
COM 3300	Business and Professional Presentations	
Select two of the following 4000 level courses:		6
COM 4041	Rhetoric and the Body	
COM 4110	Studies of Legal Argument	
COM 4130	Communication Ethics	
COM 4140	Popular and Celebrity Culture	
COM 4150	Communication and Conflict	
COM 4190	Rhetorical Criticism	
COM 4200	Nonverbal Communication	
COM 4210	Research Methods in Communication	
COM 4270	Group Communication	
COM 4500	Leadership Communication	
Select two of the following 5000 level courses:		6
COM 5120	Public Address	
COM 5130	Communication and Social Marketing	
COM 5190	Special Topics in Communication Studies	
COM 5320	Health Communication	
COM 5330	Rhetoric of Visual Culture	
COM 5360	Gender and Communication	
Total Credits		36

The Master of Arts in Communication with a Concentration in Communication Studies

The M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Communication Studies requires a minimum of 30 credits, distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses		6
COM 7000	Introduction to MA Studies in Communication	
COM 7410	Communication Theory	
Research methods courses		9
COM 7260	Quantitative Research Methods in Communication	
COM 7360	Qualitative Research Methods in Communication	
Select one additional methods course from the following:		
COM 6350	Communication, Culture, and Conflict	
COM 7250	Rhetorical Criticism	
COM 7340	Interviewing	

COM 7365 Ethnographic Methods for Communication
Research

COM 7580 Content Analysis

Select one of the following capstone plan options: 15

Plan A: Thesis

COM 8999 Master's Thesis Research and Direction (Thesis
credits are distributed across two or three
semesters. A total of 6 thesis credits is required.)

Any three courses from the department as electives. (9 credits)

Plan B: Essay

COM 7999 Master's Essay Direction (Thesis credits are
distributed across two or three semesters. A total
of 3 essay credits is required.)

Any four courses from the department as electives. (12 credits)

Plan C: Coursework

Any five courses from the department as electives. (15 credits)

Total Credits 30