

Master of Science in Science Communication Climate Communication Track Fall 2025 Edition

Use this form to track progress toward your degree. Keep this form updated and use it to help you select courses during course registration each semester. See page 2 for curriculum maps that offer suggested course sequences by semester.

REQUIRED COURSES - CLIMATE COMMUNICATION TRACK (27 credits)					
Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade	
COM 500	Theories of Science Communication	3			
COM 516	Communication Research Methods	3			
COM 526	Building and Assessing Communication Strategies	3			
COM 550	Climate Communication	3			
COM 577	Communication Law and Ethics	3			
COM 583	Principles of Inclusive Engagement	3			
COM 585	Communicating Science & Health Risks to the Public	3			
COM 605	Environmental Communication	3			
COM 699	Master's Project in Science Communication	3			

ELECTIVE COURSES (6 credits)					
Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade	
		3			
		3			

ELECTIVES:

*Note: MAR courses are offered through the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

COM 522: Communicating Science to Policy Makers

MAR 514: Environmental Management MAR 525: Environment and Public Health

MAR 534: Seminar in Decision Support for Climate Change Solutions

MAR 568: Practical Skills for Scientists

CURRICULUM MAPS

The tables below offer suggested course sequences for optimal degree completion, based on full-time or part-time enrollment. Students enrolled in or planning to enroll in the graduate student health insurance plan, must maintain full-time student status (9 credits) every semester they are enrolled. Students completing the two year track (see below) must request an underload from the graduate school before their last semester to maintain eligibility in their last semester, which requires only 6 credits. Please alert the graduate program director if this applies to you.

1.5 YEARS [FULL-TIME ACCELERATED]

FALL YEAR 1 12 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 12 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits	
COM 500	COM 526 COM 585		
COM 516	COM 583	COM 699	
COM 550	COM 605	Elective	
COM 577	Elective		

2 YEARS [FULL-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 9 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits
COM 500	COM 526	COM 577	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	COM 585	Elective
COM 550	COM 605	Elective	

Information for Part-Time Students

Students wishing to enroll part-time must complete the program (33 credits) within 5 years. It is strongly suggested that students complete the degree in 3 years to ensure availability of required courses, as outlined below. Part-time students may elect to take a summer course if desired. Students wishing to complete less than 2 courses per semester should contact an advisor prior to enrolling to confirm course availability for upcoming semesters.

3 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 6 credits	FALL YEAR 2 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits	FALL YEAR 3 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 3 3 credits
COM 500	COM 526	COM 550	COM 583	COM 577	COM 699
COM 516	COM 605	COM 585	Elective	Elective	