

# Master of Science in Science Communication Degree Requirements Form 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 (18 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			
COM 577	Communication Law and Ethics	3		
COM 583	COM 583 Principles of Inclusive Engagement			
COM 699 Master's Project in Science Communication		3		

<sup>\*</sup>COM 500 replaces the former COM 565 requirement. Students who completed COM 565 should NOT take COM 500.

### **ELECTIVE COURSES (15 credits)**

Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade
		3		
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		3		

#### **ELECTIVES:**

COM 517: Advanced Communication Research Methods (Prerequisite: COM 516)

COM 522: Communicating Science to Policy Makers COM 534: Communicating Science Using Digital Media

JRN 545: Mobile Podcasting

COM 550: Climate Communication

COM 575: Special Topics in Science Communication

COM 585: Communication Science and Health Risks to the Public

COM 605: Environmental Communication COM 635: AI, Communication, and Care

\*Note: Students may complete select JRN courses for elective credit, with departmental approval.

#### **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) <u>every</u> semester they are enrolled. Students completing the two year track (see below) must request an underload from the graduate school <u>before</u> 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	<b>FALL YEAR 2</b> 9 credits
COM 500	COM 526	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	

### 2 YEARS [FULL-TIME]

<b>FALL YEAR 1</b> 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 9 credits	<b>FALL YEAR 2</b> 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits
COM 500	COM 526	Elective	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	Elective	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective	

#### Information for Part-Time Students

Students wishing to enroll part-time must complete the program (33 credits) within 5 years. Part-time students may elect to take one or two courses per semester, or a combination that best fits their personal schedule. Students electing to complete only one course per semester <u>must take at least one summer course</u> to ensure on-time degree completion. Potential course sequences for part time students are listed below. Actual plan of study may be modified to fit your needs.

## 3 YEARS [PART-TIME]

<b>FALL YEAR 1</b> 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 6 credits	<b>FALL YEAR 2</b> 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits	<b>FALL YEAR 3</b> 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 3 3 credits
COM 500	COM 526	COM 577	Elective	Elective	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	Elective	Elective	Elective	

# 4 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	SUMMER YEAR 1	<b>FALL YEAR 2</b>	SPRING YEAR 2	SUMMER YEAR 2
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 500	COM 583	Elective	COM 516	COM 526	Elective

FALL YEAR 3	SPRING YEAR 3	SUMMER YEAR 3	FALL YEAR 4	SPRING YEAR 4
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 577	Elective	Elective	Elective	COM 699

# 5 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	SUMMER YEAR 1	FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 500	COM 583	Elective	COM 516	

FALL YEAR 3	SPRING YEAR 3	FALL YEAR 4	SPRING YEAR 4	FALL YEAR 5	SPRING YEAR 5
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 577	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	COM 699