

MS Science Communication Degree Requirements Checklist

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 516	Communication Research Methods	3				
COM 526	Building and Assessing Communication Strategies	3				
COM 565	Foundations of Science Communication	3				
COM 577	Communication Law and Ethics	3				
COM 583	Principles of Inclusive Engagement	3				
COM 699	Master's Project in Science Communication	3				

Note: COM 565 is the equivalent of former 1-credit courses COM 501 + COM 503 + COM 513

ELECTIVE COURSES (15 credits)						
Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade		
		3				
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ELECTIVES:

COM 517: Advanced Communication Research Methods [Spring]

COM 522: Communicating Science to Policy Makers [Summer]

COM 534: Communicating Science Using Digital Media [Fall]

COM 575: Special Topics in Science Communication [Rotates]

COM 585: Communicating Science and Health Risks to the Public [Fall]

COM 587: Independent Study [Fall/Spring/Summer]

COM 588: Graduate Internship [Fall/Spring/Summer]

COM 605: Environmental Communication [Spring]

CURRICULUM MAPS

The table below offers a suggested course sequence for optimal degree completion, based on full-time enrollment. Students wishing to enroll part-time should discuss a plan of study with their program head. Note: If you are enrolled in or planning to enroll in the graduate student health insurance plan, you must maintain full-time student status (9 credits) every semester you are enrolled.

1.5 YEARS [FULL-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 12 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 12 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits
COM 565	COM 526	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective
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, two, or three 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.

2 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 9 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits
COM 565	COM 526	Elective	COM 699
COM 516	COM 583	Elective	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective	

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 565	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	FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2	SUMMER YEAR 2
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 565	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 565	COM 583	Elective	COM 516	COM 526

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