Master of Arts in Communication Studies

Why study communication studies?
Because effective and ethical communication is at the core of family, of human organizations of all types, and of democratic decision making.

Admission to Graduate Studies
An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admission
All domestic M.A. and Ph.D. applicants on the Lawrence or Edwards Campuses must submit the Graduate Record Examination. International students who apply to Lawrence must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language scores. International students who have earned a U.S. degree must submit GRE scores.

Submit your graduate application online (http://graduate.ku.edu/application-process). Send curriculum vitae or résumé, 3 letters of recommendation, official sealed transcripts for all college coursework, and a 2- to 3-page personal statement to the department:

The University of Kansas
Department of Communication Studies
Robert C. Rowland, Graduate Director
Bailey Hall
1440 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 102
Lawrence, KS 66045-7545

M.A. Degree Requirements
Concentration in Communication Studies
For course work areas, see Ph.D. requirements.

Communication Studies
Satisfactory completion of these required courses:

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>COMS 851</td>
<td>Communication Research: Historical and Descriptive</td>
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<td>or COMS 852</td>
<td>Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis</td>
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<td>COMS 859</td>
<td>Proseminar in Communication Studies</td>
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<td>COMS 899</td>
<td>Master’s Thesis</td>
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<td>Select at least 6 hours in each of 2 areas of communication</td>
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Total Hours: 30

1 Appropriate for the student’s area of study. A list of courses is provided following the requirements.

Nonthesis Option
A nonthesis option is available in communication studies. Requirements for this option include:

Communication Studies
COMS 859 Proseminar in Communication Studies 3
COMS 851 Communication Research: Historical and Descriptive 3
or COMS 852 Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis 3

Select at least 9 hours in each of 2 areas of communication 9
Select 6 hours of electives 6
General examination structured as follows: 6
1 hour written over required courses
2 hours written over the first major area of communication
2 hours written over the second major area of communication
1 hour oral examination

1 Each student must complete an examination over the 2 course work concentrations.

KU Edwards Campus M.A. Program
The M.A. also is offered on the KU Edwards Campus (http://edwardscampus.ku.edu) in Overland Park. The requirements for the degree at the Edwards Campus are the same as for the program on the Lawrence campus. Edwards Campus classes are taught by the same faculty members who teach regularly in Lawrence. Courses are scheduled during the late afternoons and evenings to accommodate working professionals.