Master of Arts in Communication Studies

The Communication Studies program offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) at the Lawrence Campus and the Edwards campus. Program areas have been ranked among the top doctoral programs in the country including rhetorical studies, political communication, organizational communication, interpersonal communication, and intercultural communication. Graduate students study communication theory in depth and master at least one research methodology, choosing from course sequences in rhetorical/historical, experimental, and qualitative methods. Each student is encouraged to develop two personal research interests and to work independently and with faculty members in pursuit of those interests. Graduate Teaching Assistantships and Research Assistantships are available.

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.

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Satisfactory completion of these required courses:

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or COMS 852 Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis

Select a second methodology course 1

COMS 859 Proseminar in Communication Studies

COMS 899 Master’s Thesis

Select at least 6 hours in each of 2 areas of communication

Select 3 additional credit hours from any communication studies courses or from outside the department

Final oral examination

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:

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or COMS 852 Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis

Select at least 9 hours in each of 2 areas of communication

Select 6 hours of electives

General examination structured as follows: 1

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.