# Department of Communication Studies

## Master of Arts // Master of Science

### Master of Arts

**Thesis Option** – 33 Cr. Or Alternate Plan Option – 35 Cr.

**Major Core Courses – 9 credits**
- CMST 600 Seminar in Communication Theory (3 cr)
- CMST 601 Communication Research Methods (3 cr)
- CMST 602 Communication Pedagogy (3 cr)
- CMST 603 Strategies: Basic (0 cr)

*Note: 603 required only of Graduate Teaching Assistants.*
- CMST 650 Capstone Prospectus (0 cr)

**Major Restricted Electives - 12-15 credits**
- CMST 500-698
  - Choose 5/600 level courses in consultation with advisor.

**Major Unrestricted Electives - 6-9 credits**
- Any Discipline 500-699
  - Choose 5/600 level courses in consultation with advisor.

**Capstone: Thesis or Alternate Plan Paper - 2-6 credits**
- CMST 694 Alternate Plan Paper (2 cr)
- CMST 699 Thesis (3-6 cr)

Fifty percent (50%) of all coursework must be at the 600 level, not including thesis or alternate plan credits.

A maximum of six (6) graduate credits from "NFL" courses may be applied toward satisfactory completion of the Master of Arts in Communication Studies. The limit may be waived with consent of a student’s graduate advisor.

### Master of Science

**36 Credits**

**Major Core Courses – 9 credits**
- CMST 600 Seminar in Communication Theory (3 cr)
- CMST 601 Communication Research Methods (3 cr)
- CMST 602 Communication Pedagogy (3 cr)
- CMST 603 Strategies: Basic (0 cr)

*Note: 603 required only of Graduate Teaching Assistants.*
- CMST 650 Capstone Prospectus (0 cr)

**Major Restricted Electives - 12-15 credits**
- CMST 500-699
  - Choose 5/600 level courses in consultation with advisor.

**Major Unrestricted Electives - 6 credits**
- Any Discipline 500-699
  - Choose 5/600 level courses in consultation with advisor.

**Capstone: Required Internship - 6-9 credits**
- CMST 697 Internship (6-9 cr)

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## Admission to the MA and MS Programs

Students must have a GPA of 2.75 or better in overall undergraduate studies and a 3.0 for the last two years of undergraduate work. No GRE scores are necessary to apply. Once all of the necessary documents have been received, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in the Comm. Studies department examines applications and determines if requirements have been met. If an applicant does not meet the requirements, admission may be granted on a probationary basis. Probationary status may be granted under the following conditions: acceptable performance on the GRE of 1200 OR acceptance of a student petition and contingency of adherence to contract terms.

### Send the following to the College of Graduate Studies:

1. Completed Application for Graduate Study available online at [https://secure.mnsu.edu/graduate/](https://secure.mnsu.edu/graduate/)
2. Two official transcripts from undergraduate degree-granting institution(s)
3. Completed immunization form online at [http://grad.mnsu.edu/forms/immunization.pdf](http://grad.mnsu.edu/forms/immunization.pdf)
4. A $40 fee is required of applicants.

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### Send the following to the Communication Studies Department:

1. Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to judge competence in Communication Studies scholarship.
2. A writing sample demonstrating research, sound analysis, organization and evidence such as a term paper, convention paper, professional report, etc.
3. A statement of personal, educational and professional goals.

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