School of Communication

PhD Degree Program Requirements

Complete a minimum of 81 graduate credits, including 6 credits for the dissertation

1. **20 credit hours required core**

   * **1 credit hour in Intro to Graduate Studies**
   COMM 6500 Introduction to Graduate Studies (1)

   * **1 credit hour in Directed Research**
   COMM 7998 Directed Research (1)

   **9 credits in Communication Theory:**
   COMM 6806 Contemporary Theories in Communication (3)
   COMM 6807 Foundations of Communication Theory (3)
   COMM 7927 Theory Construction (3)

   **9 credits in Research Methods for Communication:**
   COMM 6661 Statistical Applications in Communication (3)
   COMM 6760 Communication Research Methods (3)
   COMM 7790 Statistical Applications in Communication II (3)

2. **At least 51 credit hours of graduate level electives** (minimum 50% from within the School of Communication including at least 15 credits of formal communication elective classes)

3. **4 semesters of Communication Colloquium**

4. **6 credits of Dissertation** (maximum of 3 credits per semester)