Communication

Program Requirements
M.A. Communication (5.0 credits)
Each student, in consultation with the supervisor of graduate studies, will be required to follow a thesis, research essay or a coursework program for a total of 5.0 credits. Two of the four areas of concentration must be chosen. Students in the M.A. program are restricted to one directed studies course, COMS 5808. Students may take one optional course (0.5 credit) outside the program, with permission of the supervisor of graduate studies.

Requirements - Thesis program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - COMS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
4. 1.5 credits from the list of optional courses below

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
4. 2.5 credits chosen from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Coursework program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research
3. 3.5 credits chosen from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 5.0

Optional Courses
- COMS 5200 [0.5] Civic Media
- COMS 5202 [0.5] Persuasion
- COMS 5203 [0.5] Communication, Technology, Society
- COMS 5206 [0.5] Communication, Culture, Regulation
- COMS 5207 [0.5] Communication and Racialization
- COMS 5208 [0.5] Audiences, Consumption, Reception
- COMS 5212 [0.5] History, Time, Memory
- COMS 5214 [0.5] The Local and the Global
- COMS 5218 [0.5] Special Studies of Media and Communication
- COMS 5219 [0.5] Regional Studies of Media
- COMS 5220 [0.5] Visual Culture
- COMS 5221 [0.5] Science and the Making of Knowledge
- COMS 5222 [0.5] Cultural Intersections
- COMS 5223 [0.5] Work in the Contemporary Media Environment
- COMS 5224 [0.5] Internet, Infrastructure, Materialities
- COMS 5225 [0.5] Critical Data Studies
- COMS 5509 [0.5] Gender, Sexuality, Culture
- COMS 5808 [0.5] Directed Studies

Note: students may take up to 0.5 credit outside the program with permission of the supervisor of graduate studies.

M.A. Communication with Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research
5. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
6. 2.0 credits chosen from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Thesis program (5.0 credits)
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research
5. 2.0 credits in:
   - COMS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
6. 1.0 credits from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 5.0

Selection of Courses - African Studies
The courses listed below are relevant to students of African Studies and could, with the approval of the specific requirements of the units involved, be used as courses
to help fulfill degree requirements. There are also often graduate courses and 4000-level courses in a number of units at Carleton that are offered on an ad hoc basis that have significant content appropriate to African Studies. To have any such course count towards their degree requires approval of the Director of the Institute of African Studies when it is being offered.

Note: the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

**African Studies**

AFRI 5000 [0.5]  
African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

AFRI 5050 [0.5]  
Selected Topics in African Studies

AFRI 5100 [0.5]  
African Studies Abroad

AFRI 5700 [0.5]  
Directed Readings in African Studies

AFRI 5900 [0.5]  
Placement

AFRI 5800 [0.0]  
Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

**Anthropology**

ANTH 5109 [0.5]  
Ethnography, Gender and Globalization

ANTH 5202 [0.5]  
The Anthropology of Underdevelopment

ANTH 5209 [0.5]  
Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa

ANTH 5809 [0.5]  
Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment

**English**

ENGL 5008 [0.5]  
Studies in African Literature

ENGL 5010 [0.5]  
Studies in Caribbean Literature

**French**

FREN 5600 [0.5]  
Littératures du monde francophone

**International Affairs**

INAF 5603 [0.5]  
Issues in Development in Africa

**Law**

LAWS 5007 [0.5]  
Race, Ethnicity and the Law

LAWS 5603 [0.5]  
International Law: Theory and Practice

**Political Science**

PSCI 5107 [0.5]  
Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa

PSCI 5202 [0.5]  
Development Theory and Issues

PSCI 5203 [0.5]  
Southern Africa After Apartheid

**Sociology**

SOCI 5404 [0.5]  
Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies

**Women’s and Gender Studies**

WGST 5902 [0.5]  
Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II

**M.A. Communication with Specialization in Data Science (5.0 credits)**

**Requirements - Coursework Option (5.0 credits)**

1. 0.5 credit in:  
DATA 5000 [0.5]  
Data Science Seminar

2. 1.0 credit in:  
COMS 5101 [1.0]  
Foundations of Communication Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5605 [0.5]  
Approaches to Communication Research

4. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5225 [0.5]  
Critical Data Studies

5. 0.5 credit from:  
COMS 5203 [0.5]  
Communication, Technology, Society

COMS 5221 [0.5]  
Science and the Making of Knowledge

COMS 5224 [0.5]  
Internet, Infrastructure, Materialities

6. 2.0 credits in electives  
2.0

Total Credits  
5.0

**Requirements - Research Essay Option (5.0 credits)**

1. 0.5 credit in:  
DATA 5000 [0.5]  
Data Science Seminar

2. 1.0 credit in:  
COMS 5101 [1.0]  
Foundations of Communication Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5605 [0.5]  
Approaches to Communication Research

4. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5225 [0.5]  
Critical Data Studies

5. 1.0 credit in:  
COMS 5908 [1.0]  
Research Essay

Research Essay on a Data Science topic approved by the Advisory Board representative from Communication in consultation with the graduate Committee of the Institute of Data Science.

6. 1.5 credits in electives  
1.5

Total Credits  
5.0

**Requirements - Thesis Option (5.0 credits)**

1. 0.5 credit in:  
DATA 5000 [0.5]  
Data Science Seminar

2. 1.0 credit in:  
COMS 5101 [1.0]  
Foundations of Communication Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5605 [0.5]  
Approaches to Communication Research

4. 0.5 credit in:  
COMS 5225 [0.5]  
Critical Data Studies

5. 2.0 credits in:  
COMS 5909 [2.0]  
M.A. Thesis
M.A. Thesis on a Data Science topic approved by the Advisory Board representative from Communication in consultation with the Graduate Committee of the Institute of Data Science.

6. 0.5 credit in electives 0.5
Total Credits 5.0

Ph.D. Communication (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 1.0 credit in:
   COMS 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar in Communication Studies

2. 2.0 credits from the list of electives below; up to 0.5 credit may be taken in a relevant discipline outside of the School; students in the Ph.D. program are restricted to one (0.5 credit) directed studies course:
   - COMS 6010 [0.5] Directed Studies

3. 2.0 credits in:
   - COMS 6900 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination I
   - COMS 6901 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination II

4. 5.0 credits in:
   - COMS 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Communication with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 1.0 credit in:
   COMS 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar in Communication Studies

2. 1.0 additional credit from the list of optional courses below; up to 0.5 credit may be taken in a relevant discipline outside of the School; students in the Ph.D. program are restricted to 0.5 credit in directed studies:
   - COMS 6010 Directed Studies

3. 2.0 credits in:
   - COMS 6900 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination I
   - COMS 6901 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination II

4. 0.5 credit in:
   - PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

5. 0.5 credit in:
   - A relevant political economy course from the approved list.

6. 5.0 credits in:
   - COMS 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

Total Credits 10.0

Elective Courses
All doctoral candidates must complete 2.0 additional credits from the list of electives below; 0.5 credit may be taken in a relevant discipline outside of the School, particularly those that address central theoretical and/or methodological issues within the student's chosen field of concentration. Students in the Ph.D. program are restricted to one (0.5 credit) directed studies course (COMS 6010 Directed Studies).

- COMS 5200 [0.5] Civic Media
- COMS 5202 [0.5] Persuasion
- COMS 5203 [0.5] Communication, Technology, Society

Selection of Courses - Political Economy
In addition to the graduate courses offered by, or associated with, the Institute of Political Economy, the courses listed below are relevant to students of political economy and would, with the prior approval of the Institute, be used to design a coherent and internally complementary set of courses to fulfill degree requirements. The list is not exclusive and is subject to change.

Master's students may select 1.0 credit in political economy at the 4000-level.

Note: the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

Anthropology
- ANTH 5106 [0.5] North American Indigenous Peoples
- ANTH 5107 [0.5] Issues in North American Ethnohistory
- ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
- ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
- ANTH 5208 [0.5] Anthropology of Indigeneity
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### Political Economy
- **PECO 5501 [0.5]** Selected Problems in Political Economy I
- **PECO 5502 [0.5]** Selected Problems in Political Economy II

### Political Science
- **PSCI 5003 [0.5]** Political Parties in Canada
- **PSCI 5008 [0.5]** The Politics of Climate Change
- **PSCI 5009 [0.5]** Canadian Political Economy
- **PSCI 5100 [0.5]** Indigenous Politics of North America
- **PSCI 5105 [0.5]** Post-Communist Politics in East Central Europe
- **PSCI 5107 [0.5]** Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa
- **PSCI 5202 [0.5]** Development Theory and Issues
- **PSCI 5207 [0.5]** International Political Sociology
- **PSCI 5208 [0.5]** Global Social Policy
- **PSCI 5209 [0.5]** Migration and Global Politics
- **PSCI 5303 [0.5]** Governmentality and Politics
- **PSCI 5410 [0.5]** Postcolonial Theories and Practices
- **PSCI 5509 [0.5]** Governing in the Global Economy
- **PSCI 5607 [0.5]** Politics of North America
- **PSCI 5802 [0.5]** Political Economy of Global Money and Finance
- **PSCI 5808 [0.5]** International Political Economy
- **PSCI 5810 [0.5]** Approaches to Environmental Politics

### Public Administration
- **PADM 5213 [0.5]** Gender and Public Policy
- **PADM 5220 [0.5]** Regulation and Public Policy
- **PADM 5224 [0.5]** Aboriginal Policy
- **PADM 5228 [0.5]** Social Policy
- **PADM 5811 [0.5]** The International Policy Framework
- **PADM 5813 [0.5]** The Evolution of World Bank/IMF Policy Conditionality
- **PADM 5814 [0.5]** Program and Project Management

### Social Work
- **SOWK 5102 [0.5]** Political Economy of Health
- **SOWK 5105 [0.5]** Poverty and Income Security
- **SOWK 5106 [0.5]** Women and Social Policy
- **SOWK 5301 [0.5]** Women, Male Violence and Social Change
- **SOWK 5805 [0.5]** Social Development in the International Context

### Sociology
- **SOCI 5000 [0.5]** Classical Sociological Theory
- **SOCI 5002 [0.5]** Contemporary Sociological Theory
Comprehensive Examinations
In addition to their course requirements, doctoral candidates are required to write two comprehensive examinations each worth 1.0 credit. The first comprehensive examination (COMS 6900) is closely related to the course materials in the doctoral seminar (COMS 6000) and is conducted by the instructors of COMS 6000 in May following completion of the seminar. To be eligible for the first comprehensive, candidates must have a GPA of 9.0 or higher on their previous course work, including COMS 6000. Students who fail the first comprehensive may be asked to withdraw from the program.

The second comprehensive examination (COMS 6901) is normally completed during the second year of the program and tests the student's in-depth knowledge of one field of study. It is conducted by the student's supervisor and advisory committee and involves examination of an approved project related to the chosen field. Before taking the second comprehensive examination, students must have completed all of their course work with a GPA of 9.0 or higher and have satisfactorily completed COMS 6900. The second comprehensive is expected to be completed no later than two years or six terms after initial full-time registration, or four years or 12 terms after initial part-time registration. Students who do not fulfill this requirement within the prescribed time period may be asked to withdraw from the program.

Thesis Requirement
A thesis proposal is presented after the comprehensive requirement has been satisfied, and defended at an oral presentation. The thesis, normally equivalent to 5.0 credits, must be successfully defended at an oral examination.

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

A standing of B- or better must be obtained in each credit counted towards the master's degree.

Admission
The normal requirement for admission into the doctoral program is a master's degree (or the equivalent) in communication studies, with an overall average of B+ or better. Applicants who have deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the Ph.D. Program, but will normally be required to complete additional course work.

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

A standing of B- or better must be obtained in each course counted towards the Ph.D. degree.

Admission
The minimum requirement for admission to the master's program is a B.A.(Honours) degree or the equivalent, with high honours standing in communication or a related discipline. Related disciplines may include sociology, political science, film studies, and Canadian studies.

Applicants without a background in communication studies may be required to take certain designated courses from the undergraduate Communication program in addition to their regular program.

Possession of the minimum entrance standing is not in itself, however, assurance of admission into the program.

Applicants who lack an Honours degree but who have a 3-year degree with honours standing (a minimum B standing overall) may be considered for admission to a qualifying-year program. Students who complete the qualifying year with high honours standing may be considered for admission to the master's program in the following year. Refer to the General Regulations section of this Calendar for regulations governing the qualifying year.

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The normal requirement for admission into the doctoral program is a master's degree (or the equivalent) in communication studies, with an overall average of B+ or better.

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