Degree Requirements: 30 Credit Hours

Policies, Requirements and Standards

The Master of Arts in Professional Communication and Leadership is designed to further professional development through coursework in written and verbal communication skills, critical thinking, and leadership. The program is directed toward both traditional and non-traditional students who are either already in the work force or are making the transition from an undergraduate degree to a professional setting. Unlike traditional master’s programs, which focus on developing skills in one specific discipline, the Professional Communication and Leadership program combines the interdisciplinary nature of liberal studies with a practical focus on professional development. Students who have a firm foundation in the arts and sciences are well positioned to advance professionally, but they often need specific skills that are not covered by traditional majors. This M.A. degree is designed to meet that specific need. The M.A. in Professional Communication and Leadership includes a core of courses in organizational communication, professional writing, and leadership, with elective courses available in written communication, small group communication, and conflict resolution, among others.

Admission Standards

Regular Admission

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2. A resume or vita.
3. Two professional letters of recommendation.

Standards of Progression and Graduation

Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within seven years.

Program of Study

Students will formalize a program of study with their major advisor. Students are encouraged to apply for graduation two semesters before the anticipated date of graduation. A copy of the official program of study must accompany the candidate’s application. At least fifty percent of the program must be completed at the 6000-8000 levels.

Graduation Requirements

The student must maintain a 3.0 overall average of all graduate courses completed.
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Approved Elective

Total Credit Hours 30

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