

MASTER OF ARTS – Specialization: Communication

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 36 CREDIT HOURS

CORE STUDIES: 9 CREDIT HOURS

MAPC 601. GRADUATE TRANSFORMATION I: WRITING AND RESEARCH (3).

Explores strategies, methods and skills for locating and evaluating graduate research literature. Familiarizes students with specialized academic journals and literature within specializations. Explores graduate research methods, including qualitative and quantitative research paradigms.

MAPC 602. ETHICS AND MULTICULTURALISM (3).

Focuses on multicultural ethics. Introduces ethical theories for analyzing ethical situations and for making ethical decisions within and across cultures. Explores role of ethics in various academic disciplines and professional fields. NOTE: MA Program students only.

MAPC 603. GRADUATE TRANSFORMATION II: DIRECTION AND CONTEXT (3).

Includes attendance and participation in graduate seminars, preparation and presentation of graduate portfolio, degree planning, assessment of learning outcomes and documenting progress toward learning goals. NOTE: MA Program students only.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIZATION COURSES: CHOOSE 21 CREDIT HOURS

MALC 630. TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE (3).

Provides an in-depth study of technical communication, with an emphasis on technical writing and editing. Critiques and applies technical communication theory, technical research methodology, and effective technical writing techniques. Emphasizes document and content for communication within government, scientific, industrial, and other agencies.

MALC 631. COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (3).

Introduces theories of technological communication. Communication will be explored in terms of online communities, social networking sites and knowledge management. Issues such as privacy, identity and collaboration will be discussed.

MALC 635. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATION (3).

Examines the rhetoric and strategy in presidential campaigns, beginning with presidential primaries and continuing through campaign rallies, convention, debates, and inauguration.

MALC 637. COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT (3).

Analyzes technical communication systems within organizations. Emphasizes information flow, internal and external audiences, and organization cultures. Includes analysis and application through case studies, theoretical implications and research methodologies.

MALC 649. MANAGING WORKPLACE CONFLICT (3).

Provides theoretical understanding about the sources and escalation of conflict in organizations. Emphasizes strategies for leaders for addressing the problems and for mediators in how the problems might be resolved.

MALC 650. MANAGING GROUP BEHAVIOR (3).

Explores the sources and methods of managing conflict exhibited in group settings. Students will discuss factors such as group behavior, leadership, psychological climate, communication, conflict tactics, and problem solving strategies that promote conflict resolution.

MALC 652. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (3).

Provides students with leadership skills in adult training and development. Emphasizes interpersonal communication and focuses on the learning environment. Includes communication styles, motivation of individuals, work force diversity, and evolutions of group cultures. Introduces leadership theories and applications. The focus is on leadership development for communication consultants, adult educators, and trainers

MALC 665. FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION (3).

Examines the nature and process of forgiveness, why it is hard to forgive, and the role of an apology, self-forgiveness, and facilitating forgiveness in others in both personal and work settings. Cross-listing(s): MAPY 628

CAPSTONE: 6 CREDIT HOURS

MAPC 688, MAPC 697 OR MAPC 694

The purpose of this course is for students to design discipline specific deep questions focused on core competencies in their specialization, write graduate level responses, and integrate content from course work and research as necessary to provide a comprehensive response to each question. Questions include specific connections to the Regis mission.

**This degree plan serves as an example of this specialization.*