**Application for Graduate Assistantship**

Department of Communication

Central Michigan University – Moore 333

Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Phone (989) 774.3177

Email cmichcom@cmich.edu

Title of Proposed Master’s Degree Course of Study:

Name: Date:

Present Address:

 Birth Date:

 E-mail:

Phone:

Home Address:

Phone:

Undergraduate Information

College or University Attended:

Degree: BAA: BS: BA: BFA: Other:

Undergraduate Major:

Undergraduate Minor:

Date Degree Awarded:

Date Degree Expected:

Overall Undergraduate Grade Point Average:

Number of hours in Communication courses:

Grade Point Average in these courses:

Number of Graduate hours, if any:

Have you already received regular/conditional acceptance to CMU’s Graduate Studies Program in Communication/M.A. in Communication?

Yes No

If not, have you applied for admission to CMU’s Graduate Studies Program in Communication/M.A. in Communication?

Yes No

If you are an International student, please provide your TOEFL score:

1. List the *undergraduate* courses in Communication, by number and title, which you have completed or expect to complete before admission to the CMU’s Communication graduate program.

2. List the *graduate* courses in Communication, by number and title, which you have completed or expect to complete before admission to the CMU’s Communication graduate program.

3. Briefly describe other course work or work experience that you believe makes you a suitable candidate for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

4. In addition to teaching assistantships, the department also offers assistantships in the area of debate. If you are interested in working with debate, please describe your experience and/or qualifications.

5. On an attached sheet of paper, type a brief statement describing your purpose/general plans for graduate study. Specifically, why do you believe you will excel as a graduate student in our program, and what you plan to do with a graduate degree in the future? Include any information that you deem relevant to our consideration of your application for an assistantship.

List the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for each individual who will submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf (two letters required).

Name:

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Address:

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E-mail:

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How did you hear about our program?

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Send this application, an unofficial copy of your transcripts (this can be a photocopy),

and arrange to have two letters of reference sent directly to:

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Central Michigan University

Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Phone (989) 774.3177

Email cmichcom@cmich.edu

Application deadline: March 15th

**COMMUNICATION GRADUATE PROGRAM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**WITH ASSISTANTSHIP**

This document outlines the degree program requirements for an M.A. in Communication. **The information below is for students who will** **have a Graduate Teaching Assistantship**. The successful completion of 33 credit hours (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher) and a thesis or comprehensive exam is required.

**Core Courses (Required):** courses listed below are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted

COM 600: Introduction to Research and Graduate Study in Communication

COM 601: Research Design in Communication

COM 603: Professional Seminar in Communication

COM 661: Contemporary Communication Theory

COM 664: Advanced Organizational Communication

COM 668: Advanced Interpersonal Communication

COM 795: Seminar: Teaching College Communication

COM 602: Qualitative Research Methods **OR**

COM 750: Rhetorical Criticism

COM 798: Thesis (6 credit hours; required only for those choosing the thesis option)\*

**Total Core Hours: 24 hours (comprehensive exam option) OR 30 hours (thesis option)**

\*NOTE: Thesis students must complete a total of 6 thesis hours and cannot register for their final 3 thesis credit hours until after successfully completing a prospectus meeting.

**Elective Courses:** Courses listed below are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted

COM 523: Dark Side of Communication

COM 527: Political Communication

COM 555: Special Topic in Communication (3 - 6 Credit Hours)

COM 558: Historical Background of Communication Theory

COM 560: Communication and Change: The Diffusion of Ideas and Information

COM 561: Communication and Conflict Management

COM 562: Family Communication

COM 565: Communication Training inOrganizations

COM 569: Communication in the Classroom

COM 594: Directing Speech Activities

COM 660: Seminar in Interpersonal Communication

COM 662: Advanced Persuasion

COM 665: Seminar in Communication and Negotiation in Employee Relations

COM 667: Advanced Intercultural Communication

COM 764: Communication Internship (1-6 Credit Hours)

COM 790: Advanced Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

**Total Elective Hours: 9 hours (comprehensive exam option) OR 3 hours (thesis option)\***

\*NOTE: Graduate teaching assistants **must** complete COM 795 in their first semester as a condition of

their employment. All graduate students must choose electives in consultation with their academic

advisors **before** registering. Not all courses are offered on a regular basis.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The three credit hours of elective course work do not necessarily have to be taken from courses offered by the COM area. You can take a graduate level course (500, 600, and 700 level) offered by any academic department on campus. You **must** consult with your academic advisor about possible course options and clear your choice of course(s) **before** registering for the course(s).

**You cannot sign up for your final three thesis credit hours until you have successfully completed your thesis prospectus meeting.**

No more than 10 hours of variable credit hours can be applied toward the minimum 33 hours for your M.A. degree. Variable credit courses include COM 764, COM 790, and COM 798.

You must inform your academic advisor of the courses you intend to take in upcoming semesters before you register for the courses.

You **must** complete an “Authorization of Degree Program” by the beginning of your second semester of graduate work. This is completed in consultation with your academic advisor.

**Typical Sequence of Courses for GTA’s Entering the Program in Fall semester**

**Fall 2019**

COM 600: Intro to Research and Graduate Study in Communication & Dramatic Arts

COM 603: Professional Seminar in Communication (1 credit)

COM 750: Seminar in Rhetorical Criticism

COM/Other Elective\* (\***Note**: COM 795 is required for Graduate Teaching Assistants)

**Spring 2020**

COM 601: Research Design in Communication

COM 661: Contemporary Communication Theory

COM 664: Advanced Organizational Communication

**Fall 2020**

COM 602 Qualitative Research Methods (required only if you did not complete COM 750)

COM 603: Professional Seminar in Communication (2 credits)

COM 668: Seminar in Interpersonal Communication

COM/Other Elective

**Spring 2021**

*Thesis Option*  **OR** *Comprehensive Exam Option*

COM 798: Thesis (1-6 credit hours)\* COM/Other Elective

 COM/Other Elective

**\*NOTE:** The thesis option requires the completion of 6 thesis credits; thesis students may register for between one to six thesis hours in a semester. However, thesis students cannot register for their final three thesis credit hours until after successfully completing a prospectus meeting.

**COMMUNICATION GRADUATE PROGRAM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**NO ASSISTANTSHIP**

This document outlines the degree program requirements for an M.A. in Communication. **The information below is for students who will not** **have a Graduate Teaching Assistantship**. The successful completion of 33 credit hours (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher) and a thesis or comprehensive exam is required.

**Core Courses (Required):** courses listed below are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted

COM 600: Introduction to Research and Graduate Study in Communication

COM 601: Research Design in Communication

COM 603: Professional Seminar in Communication

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COM 664: Seminar in Organizational Communication

COM 668: Seminar in Interpersonal Communication

COM 602: Qualitative Research Methods **OR**

COM 750: Seminar in RhetoricalCriticism

COM 798: Thesis (6 Credit Hours; required only for those choosing the thesis option) \*

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**Total Core Hours: 21 hours (comprehensive exam option) OR 27 hours (thesis option)**

\*NOTE: Thesis students must complete a total of 6 thesis hours and cannot register for their final 3 thesis credit hours until after successfully completing a prospectus meeting.

**Elective Courses:** Courses listed below are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted

COM 523: Dark Side of Communication

COM 527: Political Communication

COM 555: Special Topics in Communication (3-6 credit hours)

COM 558: Historical Background of Communication Theory

COM 560:Communication and Change: The Diffusion of Ideas and Information

COM 561 Communication and Conflict Management

COM 562: Family Communication

COM 565: Communication Training in Organizations

COM 569: Communication in the Classroom

COM 594: Directing Speech Activities

COM 660: Seminar in Interpersonal Communication

COM 662: Advanced Persuasion

COM 665: Seminar in Communication and Negotiation in Employee Relations

COM 667: Advanced Intercultural Communication

COM 764: Communication Internship (1-6 Credit Hours)

COM 790: Advanced Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

**Total Elective Hours: 12 hours (comprehensive exam option) OR 6 hours (thesis option)\***

**\*NOTE:** All graduate students must choose electives in consultation with their academic advisors before

registering. Not all courses are offered on a regular basis.

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**GRADUATE ASSISTANT RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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|  | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | VeryPoor | No Basisto Judge |
|  1. Ability to work with others in varied tasks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  2. Initiative, ability to self-direct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  9. Ability to organize time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Punctuality |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Analytical skills |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Potential as a classroom teacher |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Information that would be helpful in assessing the student’s qualifications for an assistantship:

In the space below, or on an attached sheet of paper, please provide an evaluation of the student’s qualifications for an assistantship.

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Number of years you have known the applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION WAIVER**

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