



**Department of  
Communication Studies**  
*Franklin College of Arts and Sciences*  
**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

**Ph.D. Program of Study Planning Form**

All PhD students must complete a Program of Study which constitutes a logical whole and should consist of 16 or more hours of 8000 – and 9000-level courses in addition to research, dissertation writing, and directed study. The Program of Study must carry a minimum of 30 hours of coursework, three hours which must be dissertation writing (9300).

**Student:**

**Advisor/Major Professor:**

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**The following courses MUST be completed during a student's first year**

**Graduate School Requirement**

GRSC 7001 - GradFirst

**Required Courses – Interpersonal & Health**

COMM 8500 - Communication Theory

COMM 8700 - Empirical Research Methods (meets 3.0 credit hour requirement towards Research Methods)

COMM 6010 or 6011 – Communication Education\*

**Required Courses – Rhetorical Studies**

COMM 8200 - Rhetorical Theory

COMM 8300 - Rhetorical Criticism (meets 3.0 credit hour requirement towards Research Methods)

COMM 6010 or 6011 – Communication Education\*

**The following courses can be completed any time during a student's remaining coursework**

**6 Hours of Research Methods**

**\*\*6-hour requirement represents the minimum; more coursework may be required\*\***

***Interpersonal & Health***

ERSH 8320 OR STAT 6220

One additional methods course determined in consultation with your advisor and committee

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***Rhetorical Studies***

Most RS students complete their methodology requirements within the department.

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**Additional Seminars – 9 hours required**

**\*\*Students must take at least one seminar in the opposite area of their concentration at 6000 level or above\*\***

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**COMM 8000 Communication Colloquium – required every semester**

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**COMM 8050 – 3 hours required**

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**\*\* You should expect to spend about 20 hours of time on a one credit hour 8050. You must complete an "8050 Contract" before starting your 8050. If you do not have an approved contract by the end of the drop/add period of a given semester, you will be dropped from the 8050\*\***

**COMM 8030 - Professional Development in Communication Studies**

A 1-credit course that can be taken in the second or third year, in consultation with your advisor. This class is typically offered in the spring semester.

**Dissertation Research/Dissertation (minimum of 3 hours of COMM 9300) \*\***

**Important Note:**

**At least 18 hours of coursework must be in courses offered by Communication Studies, exclusive of research, thesis, or 8050 hours. You cannot count more than 2 independent study courses and you cannot count more than 2 courses below the 7000 level. Please note that the actual number of hours is set by the major professor and advisory committee and may involve substantially more than 36 hours of content hours.**

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\*After the first year, both IPH and RS students are required to take COMM 6010 or 6011 if you have not taken this course before and are teaching the undergraduate course related to the pedagogy course for the first time.

\*\*You should not have more than 54 hours in COMM 9000 and COMM 9300 combined.