Purdue University Fort Wayne
MA/MS in Professional Communication

Program Timeline

First Semester
- Complete conditions (if applicable)
- Identify committee chair and select degree requirement option (2015-16 and later)

Completion of 15-18 Credits
- Select advisory committee
- Confirm thesis, proj, or comps
- File plan of study

Thesis/Project: 3 SEMS Before Graduation
- Committee approves thesis/project pre-proposal
- Committee approves COM 698 credits for next semester
- Recommended pre-proposal submission deadlines:
  30 Sep for following Fall
  15 Feb for following Spring

Thesis/Project: 2 SEMS Before Graduation
Register for COM 698 for Thesis or Nonthesis Project
15 Sep / 30 Jan: Submit proposal to chair for thesis / project
30 Oct / 30 Mar: Submit proposal to committee
15 Nov / 15 Apr: Committee decides on proposal

PFW Registrar graduation application deadline:
Fall graduation: 1 June | Spring Semester: 1 Nov

Comps: Graduating Semester
15 Sep(fall)/1 Feb(spr):
Submit comps reading list to faculty
15 Oct(fall)/15 Mar(spr):
Committee decides on reading list and whether to schedule comps
1-15 Nov(fall)/1-15 Apr(spr):
Comprehensive Exams

Thesis/Proj: Graduating Sem.
Register for COM 698 for thesis/project
1 Oct(fall)/1 Mar(spr):
Submit full draft of thesis/project to Chair
15 Oct(fall)/15 Mar(spr):
Chair submits thesis/project to committee
1-15 Nov(fall)/1-15 Apr(spr):
Exams and defense dates, approved no later than ten working days in advance
1st wk Dec (fall)/end of Apr (spr):
Thesis/project final deposit due

Important Notes
- Faculty do not read theses, projects, or comprehensive exams during summer
- No summer graduations
- No grade below a B to maintain good academic standing
- International students must take at least 9 credit hours or 6 credit hours with assistantship to fulfill visa requirements
- 3 semester rule: you must apply for readmission if you are inactive for 3 semesters (including summer)
- 5 year rule: you must retake all coursework and resubmit a plan of study if you are inactive for 5 years or more

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## Professional Communication MA / MS Course Rotation and Requirements

(33/36 Credits Total) as of Fall 2018; subject to change

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*names in bold indicate faculty currently scheduled to teach a course*

not listed: COM 508 Nonverbal (Dixson); COM 516 Analysis of Persuasive Messages (Herbig); COM 517 Comm in Politics (Herbig, Karrl); COM 518 Theories of Persuasion (Herbig, Karrl); COM 523 History and Criticism of Public Comm (Herbig, Karrl); COM 531 Special Topics in Mass Comm (Carr, Herbig, Naar, Smith); COM 534 Comparative Telecommunication Systems; COM 537 Legal Dimensions (Smith); COM 576 Health Comm (LeBlanc)