M.A. IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES - ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION TRACK

Organizational Communication is designed to provide students with a comprehensive and advanced understanding of communication in the organizational environment. Courses are designed to extend oral, written, and critical thinking skills through application of concepts using practical challenges in organizations. Students have the opportunity to explore essential areas of organizational communication, presentational skills, leadership styles, interpersonal and small group interaction, decision making, persuasion, conflict management, and diversity training. Two programs are offered. The thesis track emphasizes student development of research skills under faculty supervision (30 credits). The non-thesis track emphasizes a theoretical foundation based on application of communication courses (36 credits).

### Curriculum Requirements - Thesis Program

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