

Master's in Communication and Leadership Course Sequence

The majority of COML MA students complete their degree in two years. The time may vary by the number of credits taken per term. At Gonzaga, 6 graduate credits constitute full-time student status. In addition we offer classes in several formats: traditional 14 week semester classes in Spokane; 8 week online classes world-wide; and short-term, intensive courses both in Spokane and in cultural immersion classes overseas. It is expected that students will not take any more than one eight-week online class at a time.

For the purpose of growth and development and the necessary foundation material to successfully navigate the program, we recommend the following Course Sequence:

Year One:

COML 508 – Theorizing Communication. This is the gateway course to the COML Program. All students should take this as their first class.

COML 509 – Social Dynamics of Communication Technology

COML 504 – Organizational Communication

*COML 506 – International/Intercultural Communication (can be taken as part of the cultural immersion in Italy)

*COML 517 – Multi-Media Practicum (around the fourth course unless taken in Italy)

ORGL 500 – Introduction to Leadership

COML Elective – Any COML elective course (not ORGL)

***Summer: International Immersion (COML 506 & 517 or 513)**

This could be taken in summer one or two.

**** Visiting Scholar Elective (COML 513)**

Each Spring we offer a different advanced topics intensive course taught by a Visiting Scholar. It is a three-day residency on the Spokane Campus. It can count as COML or ORGL 513 or as a course that fits the Visiting Scholar's area of specialty.

Year Two:

COML 501 – Applied Research must be taken prior to COML 680

COML 503 – Communication Ethics

COML Elective - Any COML (not ORGL)

ORGL Elective – Any ORGL course

COML 680 Communication Seminar/Thesis or Project is a semester long course and you cannot take it unless you have 30 credits completed or have a waiver for attending our summer in Italy project). It is a course you are hand enrolled in by the COML Program Assistant. You are strongly advised not to take any more then one other course during that time period.