

COMMUNICATION STUDIES - MASTER OF ARTS

New Mexico State University's Master's Accelerated Program (MAP) provides **the opportunity for academically qualified undergraduate students** to begin working on a master's degree **during their junior and senior years** while completing a bachelor's degree. A bachelor's degree typically four years to complete, and a master's degree requires an additional two years. The master's accelerated programs allow students the opportunity to complete a graduate program in an accelerated manner. You can also check NMSU's catalog for additional information about our programs. The MAP program allows undergraduate students to take graduate courses and count up to twelve credits toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees in COMM.

MAP Requirements

- The Graduate School allows qualified junior or senior students to substitute its graduate courses for required or elective courses in an undergraduate degree program and subsequently count those same courses toward graduate requirements in a related graduate program.
- Undergraduate students may apply for acceptance to the accelerated master's program after completing 60 semester hours of undergraduate coursework, of which a minimum of 25 semester credit hours must be completed at NMSU.
- The grade point average must be at a minimum of 3.25.
- Students must receive a grade of B- or higher in this coursework to receive graduate credit. If a grade of C+ or lower is earned, it will not count toward the graduate degree.

Accepted MAP Courses

The following courses are accepted for use in the MAP program; any other courses may be considered after a consultation with an advisor. An exception will need to be made to the degree audit in order for the additional course(s) to be included on both the Undergraduate and Graduate degrees.

Prefix	Title	Credits
COMM 5210	Political Communication	3
COMM 5220	Communication Technologies	3
COMM 5230	Strategic Communication	3
COMM 5310	Sports Communication	3
COMM 5530	Leadership Communication	3
COMM 5550	Case Studies in Leadership Communication	3
COMM 5560	Ethics & Diversity in Leadership Communication	3
COMM 5630	Family Communication	3
COMM 5640	Nonverbal Communication	3
COMM 5996	Special Topics	1-9
COMM 5997	Independent Study	1-6
COMM 5998	Communication Internship for Graduate Students	3

Enrollment in graduate courses requires the Department Head's approval and a completed MAP form before the first week of the semester when taking MAP courses for dual credit. Please meet with the Department Head or the Graduate Advisor for more information.