# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

| Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) | 30 |
| Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) | 32 |

## REQUIRED COURSES

**Required Courses:**
- COMM 5013, Introduction to Graduate Studies  
  *Thesis option only:*  
  - COMM 5980, Research for Master's Thesis  

**Core Courses:**
- COMM 5003, Quantitative Research Methods, or  
- COMM 5023, Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, or  
- COMM 5053, Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods, or  
- COMM 5313, Qualitative Research Methods

**Electives:**
- 20 hours for Thesis option, 26 hours for Non-Thesis option.  
  Coursework selected in consultation with the student’s adviser and committee.

The master’s degree requires the equivalent of at least two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master’s degree must carry graduate credit.

Master’s degree programs which require a thesis consist of at least 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master’s degree programs require at least 32 credit hours.

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may not be applied to the master’s degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

Notes:
- AP (CCE) students can take COMM 5011 and COMM 5012 for COMM 5013, COMM 5001 and COMM 5002 for COMM 5003, and COMM 5311 and COMM 5312 for COMM 5313.

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:  
Summer 2015 through Spring 2016

A student who has done satisfactory graduate work and has earned a 3.0 grade point average may file for master’s candidacy.

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