# COMMUNICATION (MA) - CREATIVE SERVICES MANAGEMENT TRACK

## **Program Overview**

With the rapid progression of technology, communication may have become easier and more convenient, but the complexity of the field has grown as well. Columbus State University's Master of Arts in Communication will prepare you to strategically craft messages through different mediums, communicate with clientele in a variety of settings, produce creative content, and manage communication campaigns.

Offering two tracks, Strategic Communication Management (100% online) and Creative Services Management (courses offered online and low-residency), the master's program allows you to immerse yourself in both theory and practice. Learn how to apply communication constructs in the "real world," build relationships, and prepare yourself for the many career opportunities waiting for you.

# **Career Opportunities**

Earning your Master of Arts in Communication- Creative Services Management prepares you for various careers including:

- · Creative Services Producer
- · Social Media Director
- · Digital Communication Director

#### **Program of Study**

| Code   | Title                                     | Credit<br>Hours |  |
|--|---|-----------------|--|
| Program Core   |   | 9               |  |
| COMM 6156  | Communication Theory                      |                 |  |
| COMM 6157  | Communication Research                    |                 |  |
| COMM 6116  | Communication Ethics                      |                 |  |
| Program Track  |   | 12              |  |
| COMM 6235  | Client Relations                          |                 |  |
| COMM 6275  | Strategic Social Media and Data Analytics |                 |  |
| COMM 6237  | Persuasive Content Production             |                 |  |
| COMM 6257  | Persuasive Content Campaigns              |                 |  |
| Select either Thesis/Project Option or Comprehensive Exam Option 9 |   |                 |  |
| Thesis/Project Option  |   |                 |  |
| COMM 6765  | Graduate Proseminar                       |                 |  |
| COMM 6967  | Thesis or Professional Project Defense    |                 |  |
| Select five credit hours from the following                        |   |                 |  |
| COMM 6965  | Graduate Thesis Research                  |                 |  |
| or COMM 69@raduate Professional Project                            |   |                 |  |
| Select one of the following electives:                             |   |                 |  |
| COMM 6145  | Strategic Communication Campaign Manageme | ent             |  |
| COMM 6135  | Strategic Crisis Management               |                 |  |
| COMM 5165G   | Media Management and Economics            |                 |  |
| COMM 6258  | Advanced Production 1                     |                 |  |
| COMM 6259  | Advanced Production 2                     |                 |  |
| COMM 5555G   | Special Topics                            |                 |  |

#### Comprehensive Exam Option

| COMM 6766       | Comprehensive Review and Exam               |
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| Select two of t | he following electives:                     |
| COMM 6145       | Strategic Communication Campaign Management |
| COMM 6135       | Strategic Crisis Management                 |
| COMM 5165G      | Media Management and Economics              |
| COMM 6258       | Advanced Production 1                       |
| COMM 6259       | Advanced Production 2                       |
| COMM 5555G      | Special Topics                              |

Total Credit Hours 30

### **Admission Requirements**

- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on all undergraduate work from an accredited institution or program in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in a related field
- · Brief department application, using the provided form (PDF)

If an applicant does not meet the required overall 3.0 GPA, the applicant may choose to strengthen their application by submitting one or more of the following:

- A one-page statement of purpose for entering the master's program
- · A current resume or CV
- 1-3 letters of recommendation (academic or professional, no personal recommendations, using the provided form (PDF)
- · Writing sample or work portfolio (academic or professional)