

# College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts in Communication



#### **About Our Program**

The MA in Communication features two areas of concentration not available in most Communication graduate programs: Border/Latin American Media and Organizational Communication Transnational Settings. The first track prepares you to pursue doctoral studies or professional work in national/international organizations. The second, while preparing you to pursue doctoral studies, offers training in organizational communication related fields.

## **About Our Faculty**

Our faculty is trained in different fields and specializations, providing you the chance to explore any number of research topics. Their areas of expertise are in international communication, Latin American and Latino/a studies, documentary filmmaking, and organizational communication focusing on occupational identity, work life issues, and Hispanic leadership. Many faculty members have directed or participated in site-based fieldwork in South Texas, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, and other Latin American countries.



# Why You Should Come Here

TAMIU's location along the U.S.-México border provides an exceptional laboratory to explore the importance of mass, political and organizational communication in a region where two nations meet and where economic asymmetries and major cultural differences affect and transform human interaction. You will develop an understanding of the unique role language (Spanish and English) and culture play in shaping communication along an international border. TAMIU is a Member of the prestigious Texas A&M University System. The University is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



## **Thesis Plan**

# **Major Curriculum - Communication 30 SCH**

#### **Required courses**

COMM 5301 - Communication Theories

COMM 5302 - Quantitative Methods in Communication

COMM 5303 - Qualitative Methods in Communication

#### **Area of concentration**

(Select one):

- Border and Latin American Media Studies
- Organizational Communication in Transnational Settings

Two 5000-level graduate courses chosen from: COMM, CRIJ, HIST, LLTC, LLTS, PSCI, PADM, SOCI, SPAN

#### **Thesis**

COMM 5398 - Thesis I COMM 5399 - Thesis II

# Non -Thesis Plan Major Curriculum - Communication 36 SCH

#### Required courses

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COMM 5303 - Qualitative Methods in Communication

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#### Thesis

COMM 5398 - Thesis I COMM 5399 - Thesis II

The requirements for the non-thesis option are satisfied by completing additional semester hours of coursework in lieu of the thesis. 36 credit hours are required and you are allowed to take general electives at the 5000-level to complete the degree.



# **Program Admission Requirements**

- Apply via <u>applytexas.org</u>.
- Submit official transcript(s) from every college or university attended.
- Submit student 500-word narrative/essay.
- Submit two recommendation letters.
- Submit 8-10 page writing sample.
- International students must also submit:
  - Official Certificate of Graduation
  - TOEFL or IELTS scores
  - Financial Statement Form
  - Letter of Sponsorship
  - Bank Statement.

Fall and Summer application deadline is April 30 (domestic/international); Spring application deadline is Oct. 1 (international) and Nov. 30 (domestic.)



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