

PREPARING YOUR PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

REFRESH YOUR MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Make sure that you are thoroughly familiar with the requirements for the Master of Arts (both in general and in the Department of Speech Communication) that are detailed in the **Graduate Catalog**.
2. Remember to carefully follow all Program of Study requirements.
3. Remember that you can request permission from your graduate assessment committee to take as many as 12 semester hours of graduate level courses outside of the Speech Communication Department and apply them to your M.A. program. However, your advisory committee is not obligated to accept any hours from outside the Speech Communication Department that you might take (or have taken) prior to selecting your committee and seeking their approval of your program of study.
4. Remember that your Program of Study is not valid unless signed by all members of your graduate assessment committee.

SELECT THE COURSES YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PROGRAM:

Look through the course descriptions in the **Graduate Catalog**; talk with the Graduate Program Director and other faculty members, seek out the advice and opinions of other graduate students, and then pencil in course numbers and titles on the attached form. The form gives you space for 12 courses, which is probably more than you will need. If you want to take more than 12 courses, then please request an additional form (or create your own “addendum” by attaching additional sheets).

You can check when courses are already scheduled by looking in the current **Class Schedule** on the SIUE web site, and find out when future courses will likely be offered by looking at the Graduate course rotation on the SPC web site or by asking the Graduate Program Director. We try to stick to the posted rotation. However, our plans are sometimes changed because faculty members are absent for sabbatical leaves, because opportunities arise for special programming, and because of unanticipated shifts in university priorities and funding. If you can't find out when a course is going to be offered, just leave the “semester” information blank and fill out the rest.

GET TO KNOW THE GRADUATE FACULTY:

You need to have an approved program of study on file – signed by three faculty members who accept your invitation to serve as your graduate assessment committee – before you can register for any courses beyond those in which you are currently enrolled (or which the Director of Graduate Studies or your temporary advisor has helped you select for your first semester). This means that you will need to take the initiative and schedule time to talk (in person or by telephone) with our graduate faculty members. They will welcome the opportunity to get to know you and to chat with you about your academic and professional goals. When you come to visit with a faculty member, be prepared to leave her or him a copy of the draft of your “Proposed Program of Study.”

MEET WITH YOU GRADUATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:

Schedule a brief meeting with three faculty members who are willing to serve as your advisory committee. One of them needs to be designated as Chair of the Committee and your primary advisor. Be prepared to explaining your proposed program of study and to negotiate about changes that they think are necessary to it. When that meeting is finished and your committee has given its approval to the final version of your Proposed Program of Study, then give the signed original and one copy to the department's Graduate Program Director. Keep copies for yourself. Remember: *Any changes in your program must be approved in advance by your advisory committee.*

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION**

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

Name

Student ID #

REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete at least 35 semester hours for this degree. A foreign language is not required. With approval of the student's advisory committee, no more than a total of 12 hours of 400-level courses and no more than a total of 12 hours of graduate course work from outside the speech communication curriculum may be applied toward the minimum of 35 hours. SPC 500 (4 hours) and SPC 501 (4 hours) are required and must be completed with a minimum grade of "B" the first time that they are offered after the student is admitted.

List all proposed coursework and proposed exit option below. Please provide rationale for any classes selected from outside the SPC curriculum.

____ Semester, 20____ 1. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 2. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 3. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 4. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 5. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 6. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 7. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

____ Semester, 20____ 8. _____
Course # and Title Hours

Rationale:

_____ Semester, 20____ 9. _____
Course # and Title _____ Hours
Rationale:

_____ Semester, 20____ 10. _____
Course # and Title _____ Hours
Rationale:

_____ Semester, 20____ 11. _____
Course # and Title _____ Hours
Rationale:

_____ Semester, 20____ 12. _____
Course # and Title _____ Hours
Rationale:

EXIT OPTION: (*Check ONE*)

_____ Non-Treatise Plan: Comprehensive written exams plus oral defense

_____ Treatise Plan (indicate which): Treatise plus oral defense

_____ Thesis

_____ Project

_____ Collaborative Research Study

You must officially declare one of these two options by the time you have finished 18 semester hours.

Rationale for Choice of Exit Option:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: *Signatures indicate approval of Proposed Plan of Study*

	Name	Signature
Chairperson:	_____	_____
Member:	_____	_____
Member:	_____	_____

	SP '04	SU '04	FA '04	SP '05	SU '05	FA '05	SP '06	SU '06	FA '06	SP '07	SU '07	FA '07	SP '08	SU '08	FA '08	RO
403	A			M			A			M			A			Every Sp
410								E							E	Every 2
411			A													Every 4t
413		A	A			A			A			A			A	Every Fa
419						A	M				M	M				As need
423			E			E			M			A			A	Every Fa
430		E	A	A			E			M			A			Every Sp
433			M			M			A			E			M	Every Fa
434	E			M			A		A				E			Every Sp
461			A			M			M			M			M	Every Fa
464			A	A			M			A			M			Every Sp
500			E			E			E			E			E	Every Fa
501	E			E			E			E			E			Every Sp
510					E						E					Every 2
511						E						E				Every 2
520	E						E						E			Every 2
540			E			E			E			E			E	Every Fa
541	E			E			E			E			E			Every Sp
542			E					E						E		Every 2
550				E					E						E	Every 2
560		E		E						E						Every 2
	5	3	10	8	1	8	8	1	8	8	1	8	8	1	8	
M =	morning		A =			afternoon		E =		evening						