

Joint Graduate Program in Communication & Culture
PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2014 degree requirements are as follows:

The Timetable is published on the program website and is updated on a regular basis. http://cmct.gradstudies.yorku.ca/courses/			
Overview		18 course credits are the minimum requirements for the degree. Some students may need to take additional courses – see below. Credit weighting 3.0 = half course (York) 6.0 = full course (York)	
Requirements:			
COURSE	CREDIT VALUE	FUNCTION	COURSE TITLE/DESCRIPTION
CMCT 7000	3.0	Core	Perspectives in Communication & Culture
CMCT 7200	3.0	Core	Advanced Research Methods Workshop
CMCT 7005	3.0	Core	PhD Field Seminar: Disciplinary Practices
Two Elective courses	6.0 in total	Major Area	Candidates must select a <i>major</i> area of specialization and take a minimum of two half courses selected from in-program electives. Your major area of specialization must be chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media and Culture • Politics and Policy • Technology in Practice: Applied Perspectives
One Elective	3.0	Minor Area	Candidates must select a <i>minor</i> area of specialization and take a minimum of one half course from in-program electives. The minor area of specialization is chosen from one of the three areas of specialization offered by the program which is not your major area. Alternatively, you may develop a “constructed minor”. The constructed minor option must be approved by the program director. We will consider requests for the minor elective to be taken outside the program. Permission must be sought from both Communication and Culture (home program); and the host program in which the course is offered. Please check with the Communication & Culture program administrator for the appropriate form.
PhD Qualifying Exams (Comps)		Normally comprehensive exams are expected to be taken in the term following the completion of your course work (in Fall Year 2).	
Dissertation Proposal, Research, Writing and Defence		Usually commenced no later than the end of year two (full-time) or year three (part-time)	
Additional Courses:			
CMCT 6004 3.0 Communication and Culture: An Interdisciplinary Approach And/or CMCT 6002 3.0 Research Methodologies	Students lacking background in certain areas may be required to take one or both MA core courses prior to taking the PhD required course (CMCT 7000). These MA courses are in addition to the normal requirements for the doctoral degree. Students may request a waiver from these additional requirements by providing additional information that may not have been evident in the application file. Course descriptions are required when requesting a waiver.		
Requests for substitutions or waivers from a degree requirement must be submitted on the “Course Substitution or Waiver Request” form, available on our website at www.yorku.ca/gradcmct			