

**Joint Graduate Program in  
Communication & Culture**

**MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

As of September 2014 the degree requirements are as follows:

Options to complete the degree:		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 <a href="http://www.yorku.ca/gradcmct">www.yorku.ca/gradcmct</a>	
Major Research Paper		27 course credits	
MA Project & Paper		24 course credits	
MA Thesis		24 course credits	
<p><b>TIME TO COMPLETION OF DEGREE:</b>  <b>FULL-TIME – MINIMUM = 5 TERMS; MAXIMUM = 12 TERM (5 FT + 7 PT)</b>  <b>PART-TIME – MINIMUM = 10 TERMS; MAXIMUM = 12 TERMS</b></p>			
<p>Students who wish to choose the Thesis option, must apply to the Program Director for permission. Application must be made by 30 June of your first year in the program for full-time students, and 30 June of the second year for part-time students.</p> <p>Students who are not granted permission to write a thesis must make sure they complete the additional course requirement for the Master's Research Paper option. Those students considering moving on to doctoral studies should be advised that a Master's Research Paper or Project is acceptable to pursue doctoral studies. More information will be available after registration in the program.</p>			
<p><b>Requirements: (assuming all courses are three credits – six credit course would count as "two" courses for our purposes)</b></p>			
COURSE NUMBER	CREDIT VALUE	FUNCTION	COURSE TITLE/DESCRIPTION
			For information on courses offered from year to year, please see relevant timetable published each term.
CMCT 6004	3.0	Core	<b>Communication &amp; Culture: an Interdisciplinary Approach</b>
CMCT 6002	3.0	Core	<b>Research Methodologies</b> You may petition for a waiver from this requirement if you have a broad background in methods in your undergraduate degree. You will need to attach a description of the course(s) on which you are basing your request. <i>Please note: if the waiver is granted you will need to make up the course credit with an elective course.</i>
CMCT 6005	3.0	Core	<b>Research Specialization and Practice</b>
<b>Three (3) elective courses</b>	Total 9.0 credits	Electives	Candidates must take three elective courses offered by the Communication and Culture program. One course <b>must</b> be taken in each of the three areas of specialization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media and Culture</li> <li>• Politics and Policy</li> <li>• Technology in Practice: Applied Perspectives</li> </ul>

<b>MRP Option</b>			
<b>Three (3) additional elective courses</b>	Total 9.0 credits	Electives	Three additional half courses selected from the list of elective courses offered by the Communication and Culture program. *See Note below.
<b>Project &amp; Paper or Thesis Option</b>			
<b>Two (2) additional elective courses</b>	Total 6.0 credits	Electives	Two additional half courses selected from the list of elective courses offered by the Communication and Culture program. *See Note below.
<p>NOTE:</p> <p>We will consider requests for up to a maximum of two elective courses (6.0 credits) 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.</p> <p>Please check with the Communication &amp; Culture Program Assistant for the appropriate form.</p>			
<p>The Graduate Program Director or the MA Co-ordinator have final approval on all course selections.</p>			