2025 Program Planner
Master of Communication (MCommun)

Program Overview

Program Code: 5651
Total Units: 32
Please refer to MCommun for further information about this program.

UQ Terminology

General Terminology	UQ Terminology
Degree (e.g. Bachelor's Degree)	Program
Subject	Course
Major or Minor	Field of Study - Also sometimes referred to as a Plan
Term	Semester
Credits / Credit Points	Units (weighting of the course)

Important Information

- This is an AQF Level 9 program.
- Most UQ courses have a value of 2 units.
- If you are a full-time student, you will undertake 8 units (4 courses) each semester.

MCommun Program Requirements & Rules

2 year program

The MCommun program consists of 32 units comprising –

- 8 units from MCommun Foundational Courses, and
- 8 units for MCommun Field of Study Courses, and
- 6 to 10 units for MCommun Research Courses, and
- 6 to 10 units from MCommun Program Elective Courses

1.5 year program

The MCommun program consists of 32 units comprising –

- 8 units for MCommun Field of Study Courses, and
- 6 to 10 units for MCommun Research Courses, and
- 6 to 10 units from MCommun Program Elective Courses, and
- 8 units from Approved recognised prior study and/or work experience

You must have received approved prior learning to be able to complete the shorter duration program. Check your offer letter or studies report via SI-Net for this. For queries, contact the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Additional Rules

Your program has additional rules. Ensure you read these for an important information about your program – please refer to your program here.

How to use this planner

All courses that must be taken in sequence are pre-filled. Students will choose between completing a Leadership Course or a Thesis Course as outlined in the planners. Program Elective Courses should be planned last, based on the remaining room in the study plan.

Important Notes

The information contained in this document is intended as general advice only.

You must follow the program requirements, including any additional rules, listed on the Programs and Courses website. This study planner must be used in conjunction with your program requirements.

You need to check the prerequisites, incompatible courses, restrictions and semester offerings for all courses you choose in your study plan. You are advised to check the scheduling for the current year and contact your faculty for planning advice if course scheduling has changed in a future year.

This document is not intended as a progression or graduation check. For further information on progression or graduation checks, please contact the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Further Assistance

If you need further advice or have other questions, please contact:

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
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Semester 1 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7000	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7000	2 units
COMU7013	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7013	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7102	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7102	2 units
COMU7103	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7103	2 units
COMU7201	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7201	2 units
Option *	*Foundational Course*	2 units		2 units

* Students choosing WRIT6001 as their Foundational Course should complete this course in their first semester, swapping it with a Program Elective Course.

Year 2 – Leadership Course Option				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

OR

Year 2 – Thesis Option				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
COMU7007	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7007 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
COMU7007	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7007 *(Part B)*	3 units

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Semester 2 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7102	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7102	2 units
COMU7103	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7103	2 units
COMU7201	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7201	2 units
Option	*Foundational Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7000	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7000	2 units
COMU7013	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7013	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units

Year 2 – Leadership Course Option				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

OR

Year 2 – Thesis Option				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part B)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

2 year program – Strategic Communication Field of Study

Semester 1 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7301	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7301	2 units
COMU7430	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7430	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7102	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7102	2 units
COMU7103	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7103	2 units
COMU7201	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7201	2 units
Option *	*Foundational Course*	2 units		2 units

* Students choosing WRIT6001 as their Foundational Course should complete this course in their first semester, swapping it with a Program Elective Course.

Year 2 – Leadership Course Option				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

OR

Year 2 – Thesis Option				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
COMU7007	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7007 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
COMU7007	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7007 *(Part B)*	3 units

2 year program – Strategic Communication Field of Study

Semester 2 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7102	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7102	2 units
COMU7103	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7103	2 units
COMU7201	*Foundational Course*	2 units	COMU7201	2 units
Option	*Foundational Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7301	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7301	2 units
COMU7430	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7430	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units

Year 2 – Leadership Course Option				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

OR

Year 2 – Thesis Option				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part B)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

1.5 year program – Communication for Social Change Field of Study

Semester 1 Commencement – Leadership Course Option

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7000	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7000	2 units
COMU7013	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7013	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Semester 1 Commencement – Thesis Course Option

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7000	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7000	2 units
COMU7013	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7013	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part B)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

1.5 year program – Communication for Social Change Field of Study

Semester 2 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7012	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7012	2 units
COMU7014	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7014	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7000	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7000	2 units
COMU7013	*Communication for Social Change Course*	2 units	COMU7013	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
Option	*Thesis or Leadership Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Thesis or Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Thesis or Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Students following this plan, who choose to complete a Thesis course, must complete COMU7009 and complete their Thesis in one semester.

1.5 year program – Strategic Communication Field of Study

Semester 1 Commencement – Leadership Course Option

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7301	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7301	2 units
COMU7430	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7430	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7400	*Leadership Course*	2 units	COMU7400	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Semester 1 Commencement – Thesis Course Option

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7301	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7301	2 units
COMU7430	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7430	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part A)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part A)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
COMU7008	*Thesis Course (Part B)*	3 units	COMU7008 *(Part B)*	3 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

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Semester 2 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
COMU7302	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7302	2 units
COMU7304	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7304	2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
2nd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*			Semester 1	
COMU7301	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7301	2 units
COMU7430	*Strategic Communication Course*	2 units	COMU7430	2 units
COMU7311	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7311	2 units
COMU7292	*Research Core Course*	2 units	COMU7292	2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*			Semester 2	
Option	*Thesis or Leadership Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Thesis or Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Thesis or Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units

Students following this plan, who choose to complete a Thesis course, must complete COMU7009 and complete their Thesis in one semester.