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| Student Name: | Plan of Study (PoS) Primary Advisor: |
| Entry Semester: | **\*\***Graduate Assistantship (yes or no):  (GA registration requirements – min. of 12 credit hrs during Fall & Spring and 9 credit hrs during Summer) |

**Responsible Conduct of Research**

1. Ethics Seminar(completed during Orientation)

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| Semester/Year Completed: |  |

1. CITI Training(must be completed & documented via milestone form by 2nd semester)

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**Coursework Requirements** (47 credit hours)

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| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credit Hours** | **Instructor** | **Semester** | **Year** |
| Core Courses (17 credit hours) | | | | | |
| COMM 8111 | Intro to Graduate Studies | 2 |  |  |  |
| COMM 8035 | Communication Pedagogy | 3 |  |  |  |
| COMM 8590 | Scientific Approaches to COMM | 3 |  |  |  |
| COMM 8690 | Critical & Cultural Approaches to COMM | 3 |  |  |  |
| COMM 8410 | Qualitative Methods | 3 |  |  |  |
| COMM 8015 | Quantitative Methods | 3 |  |  |  |
| Additional Coursework – Interdisciplinary Specialization (24 credit hours)  Options: COMM 8000-8750 & 8980  *\*\*Up to TWO courses from other departments AND up to TWO 6000-level courses can count if approved by PoS Primary Advisor and* [*course substitution*](https://cas.gsu.edu/graduate-services/student-resources/#:~:text=Substitute%20Coursework) *is submitted and approved* | | | | | |
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| Additional Coursework – (Research) Methodological Specialization (6 credit hours)  Options: COMM 8025, 8160, 8420, 8540, or 8545  *\*\*Statistics & Methodology courses from other departments can count if approved by faculty advisor and course substitution is submitted.* | | | | | |
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**Dissertation Research Course** (21 credit hours)

To be authorized to register for COMM 9999, students must submit the milestone form to document their Dissertation Committee Chair. The form must be recorded while students are completing their comprehensive exam (and therefore are also completing their final semester of COMM 8800) to receive authorization for the following semester. To continue to be authorized beyond their first term of COMM 9999, the rest of the Dissertation Committee members must be submitted via milestone form.

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***\*This is the form used to plan and track your progress and is required to be updated with your Plan of Study Primary Advisor at least once/Spring semester. Please submit this signed form via the*** [***Communication Graduate Forms & Policies page***](https://communication.gsu.edu/forms-handbooks/#:~:text=DMS%202020%2D2021%C2%A0-,PhD%C2%A0,-Plan%20of%20Study) ***any time that it is updated with your PoS Primary Advisor or PoS Committee.***

[*Continuous Enrollment Policy:*](https://cas.gsu.edu/current-students/continuous-enrollment/) *students in all graduate programs must maintain enrollment totaling 6 hours (or more) over all consecutive three semester periods (including summers). In other words, the total enrollment of the current term plus the two terms preceding it must always add to 6 hours or more.* ***Failure to remain CE compliant will result in the student becoming inactive and having to apply for re-entry.***

*ALL* [*milestone completions*](https://cas.gsu.edu/academics-admissions/required-milestones/#:~:text=Required%20Non%2DCourse%20Milestone%20Forms) *and* [*course substitutions*](https://cas.gsu.edu/graduate-services/student-resources/#:~:text=Substitute%20Coursework) *to the Office of Graduate Services immediately upon completion/awareness. If you any questions regarding your milestones, please review your Degree Works evaluation and contact Graduate Services Academic Advisor Brittany Galuskin (*[*bgaluskin1@gsu.edu*](mailto:bgaluskin1@gsu.edu)*).*

Plan of Study Primary Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_