Application for the Communication Studies
4 + 1 Master’s Degree Program

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student ID: @__________________________________________ Phone: ______________________________
Name: Last ________________________________ First ___________________________ M.I. _______
Local Address:
____________________________________________________________________________________
Street City State Zip Code

Current Program: ____________________________________________ Advisor: ______________________
Cumulative Credits Earned: _____________________________ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _______
(must have completed a minimum of 75 credits by the end of the current term) (must maintain a 3.00 GPA minimum)

Student Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

APPROVAL:

☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove _________________________________ Date: ________________
Program Head, Communication Studies

☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove _________________________________ Date: ________________
Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove _________________________________ Date: ________________
Executive Director for Graduate School

INSTRUCTIONS:
• Student meets with Communication Studies Program Head to review program requirements on reverse of form.
• Because all student aid packages are different, Student must meet with the Financial Aid Office to discuss any
impact graduate course enrollment may have on their financial aid eligibility.
• Complete the form and return to Communication Studies Program Head.
• Program Head will review request, approve/deny application and forward as indicated.

Return completed form to: Office of Records and Registration, Edinboro University, Hamilton Hall, 210 Glasgow Rd,
Edinboro, PA 16444; records@edinboro.edu; Fax: 814.732.2130; Phone: 814.732.3501

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Updated Initials & Date: ________________________________

c. Dean, Graduate Program Head, Executive Director for Graduate School, Department Chairperson, Advisor, Student

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Conditions for the 4 + 1 Communication Studies Program

1. Students may enroll as a Communication Studies 4+1 student under the following conditions:
   a. Student completes a 4+1 application;
   b. Student has achieved 75 credits of coursework toward his/her bachelor’s degree;
   c. Student has achieved, and maintained through graduation with student’s bachelor degree, a GPA of 3.00 or higher.
   d. Student may be admitted to the program without meeting these requirements upon the Communication Studies Program Head and Dean of the School of Education approval;

2. Student must meet the prerequisites for all graduate courses to which she/he seeks to enroll;

3. Under PASSHE Procedure 2016-25-A, students may take up to 12 credits of Communication Studies coursework at the 600 - 700 level and count these 12 credits toward both their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Any coursework taken beyond 12 credits must be identified by the student as either undergraduate or graduate and may not be used toward completion of the requirements of both degrees.
   a. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree, up to 12 credits of graduate coursework will be counted toward the Communication Studies degree. Any graduate credits taken beyond 12 credits will only count toward the undergraduate degree; however, during the final semester of enrollment in the bachelor’s degree, the student may enroll in both undergraduate and graduate coursework. To the extent this coursework is NOT used to meet the requirements for undergraduate coursework and exceeds the 12 credits that may be used for both the undergraduate and graduate programs, said coursework will appear only on the student’s graduate transcript.
   b. During her/his final semester, students may enroll in additional graduate courses beyond the those that count toward the undergraduate degree; however, any graduate courses enrolled beyond these will be billed at graduate rates (NOTE: students should consult with financial aid to determine how this might impact financial aid for this semester);

For clarity, to complete an Master of Arts in Communication Studies, the student will be required to complete an additional 18 credits of graduate coursework over-and-above credits required to complete the undergraduate degree. Said 18 credits shall include any graduate coursework taken during his/her last semester taken for graduate credit only, as outlined above, with the understanding that the student must consult with financial aid prior to enrolling in graduate courses that semester.

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