

# “JUMP START” MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM

This accelerated graduate degree program provides the means for excellent students to begin their graduate studies at undergraduate program prices! Reduces the amount of time needed to earn a master’s degree beyond the bachelor’s degree!

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Open to communication majors, minors, and undergraduates enrolled in participating Integrated Studies degree programs with senior standing.
- Less than 30 credit hours needed to complete requirements for their undergraduate degree
- Minimum GPA of 3.5
- Conditional acceptance into the PSU Department of Communication graduate program

## HOW IT WORKS

This program is an expansion of the existing PSU program that permits students to have conditional acceptance to the master’s program in their final undergraduate semester. With the “Jump Start” program, Communication majors would have the chance to earn hours during their full senior year in order to have 9 hours of graduate work completed prior to their undergraduate graduation.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, then you may take **up to 9 hours (total)** of senior/graduate or graduate level courses from an approved list (see below) during your final two semesters as an undergraduate and have them count on your graduate candidacy if you apply for and are granted conditional acceptance into the master’s degree program. This would allow you to reduce your undergraduate tuition for almost 30% of your graduate courses.

“Jump Start” saves you time and money!

## APPROVED COURSES FOR “JUMP START” ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- You may NOT count courses for both your undergraduate and graduate degree
- You must earn a “B” or higher in your designated “Jump Start” courses

COMM 702 Mass Media Management  
COMM 717 Research Procedures  
COMM 721 Philosophy and Ethics in Mass Communication  
COMM 724 Editorial Writing  
COMM 726 Media Analysis and Criticism  
COMM 755 Organizational Communication  
COMM 785 International Communication  
COMM 795 Issues in Communication  
COMM 815 Introduction to Graduate Studies

