

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES (COMS)

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**COMS 987 Dissertation I 5 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** DIGI 700

Dissertation I is the initial step for PhD students and faculty to actualize the student's research project. It provides a focused study of the problem, purpose, significance, theoretical framework, biblical integration, and important literature relevant to the proposed project.

**Offered:** Online**COMS 988 Dissertation II 5 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** DIGI 700

This course is the second step for PhD students and faculty to actualize the student's dissertation. It provides a focused study of the methodology that will be employed in the dissertation, and allows students to finalize their literature review. Students will also progress through the IRB process, in preparation for conducting their project.

**Offered:** Online**COMS 989 Dissertation III 5 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** DIGI 700

This course is the third step for PhD students and faculty to actualize the student's dissertation. The student will conduct their final project research. Students will finalize dissertation with an emphasis on developing results and analysis section.

**Offered:** Online**COMS 990 Dissertation Defense 0 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** DIGI 700

Under the direction of the dissertation chair and committee, doctoral candidates defend their dissertation research. The student must also complete any changes as determined by committee members, ensure compliance with the Dissertation Manual's form and style, and upload the final dissertation according to stated protocols. The final oral Ph.D. dissertation defense is primarily an opportunity to share the research and address questions and challenges about the research. It is held following the approval of the dissertation committee, and is open to the public, held on campus, and scheduled a minimum of one month following approval.

**Offered:** Online