communication as undergraduates. Applicants with fewer than 24 hours of undergraduate communication course work may request admission on the basis of communication-related courses.

All applicants must take the aptitude test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and must have the scores reported to the department prior to being considered for admission. Undergraduate students anticipating graduate work in this department should take the GRE in the fall term/semester of the senior year. Successful applicants generally have GRE scores of at least 410 on the verbal section, 420 on the quantitative section, and an undergraduate grade point averages of at least 3.0 in the last 60 hours. Contact the department or the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies for information concerning acceptable admission test scores, including acceptable scores on the writing section of the GRE.

Degree Programs

The department offers graduate programs leading to the following degrees:
- Master of Arts, and
- Master of Science, both with a major in communication studies.

The master's degree requires the completion of at least 36 hours of graduate course work.

There are three options for the degree:
1. 36 hours of course work in communication studies, including 6 hours of thesis and oral examination;
2. 36 hours of course work in communication studies, including 3 hours of Research Problems in Lieu of Thesis (COMM 5920), plus comprehensive examination; or
3. 36 hours of course work in communication studies, including 3 hours of Graduate Internship in communication studies (COMM 5481), plus a comprehensive examination.

The Graduate School has a foreign language requirement for the Master of Arts degree.

Courses of Instruction

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Course and Subject Guide

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Research

Faculty and students of the Department of Dance and Theatre engage in research through the development of artistic works and explorations of symbol transfer during the continuum of impact between spectators and dancers or actors. In addition, experimental and empirical studies are concerned with the phenomenology and the semiotics of dance and theatre arts activities as well as traditional methods of biographical, historical and literary research, and movement studies.

Topics on which research has been conducted in the department encompass actor/audience perceptions of a play in performance, actor/character relationships, directorial roles, British drama education, the theatre of Margo Jones, the educational theories of Bertolt Brecht, body-space and time-movement relationships, body language, and the social order and pragmatics of performer/audience communication.

This commitment to research and creativity in theatre arts and dance has generated continuing financial support from the Martha Gaylord-Tom Hughes Scholarship Program; the Katherine M. Altermann Scholarship Fund; the Ann Bradshaw Stokes Foundation; the Ralph B. Culp Endowment Fund; the Ed DeLatte Musical Theatre Scholarship; the Lucille Murchison Scholarships in Dance, Costuming and Technical Theatre; the Eugene Mills Dance Scholarships; and the Chun Hui Lee Dance Scholarships. Special funding and support has provided for the participation of the department in the 1990 Centennial production of King Lear; the hosting of the national American College Dance Festival; a multimedia event involving dance, music and sculpture at the Davis McLean Gallery in Houston in 1993; collaboration of theatre directing and the dramaturgy of a visiting Ibsen scholar in 1996; the performance of choreography selected by national adjudicators, to perform at the National American College Dance Festival in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center, May, 1998; community support for a holiday production of "A Christmas Carol"; and the ongoing research promoting dance and theatre as central to education across the curriculum.

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The Department of Economics is actively involved in educational and research activities designed to produce graduates with the economic background and quantitative skills necessary to succeed in today’s labor market or PhD programs in economics and related subjects. Employers in business, industry, education and government are in need of employees that can analyze and interpret data. Our graduates are well prepared to meet these needs, and the demand for our students is growing.

The department offers degrees in the following programs:

- Master of Arts, and
- Master of Science with a major in economics. Both programs are directed toward students who plan to obtain a PhD in economics;
- Master of Science degree with a major in economic research is directed toward students who plan careers in financial institutions, public utilities, large manufacturing organizations and government agencies; and
- Master of Science degree with a major in labor and industrial relations that provides a unique interdisciplinary approach for students interested in labor-related careers in private industry, labor or governmental organizations.