

MA in Professional Communication – Bridge Program Policy

In cooperation with SUU's policy #6.62 for undergraduate students to earn graduate credit, the MA in Professional Communication program will allow undergraduate students to earn credit provided the following conditions are met:

1. Students must have senior standing and a GPA of at least 3.0. Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses. Students who do not meet this standard may not apply earned credit to their graduate program (provided they submit an application).
2. Students must have approval from the Graduate Director and may not register for courses without a signed course add form (available in the Communication Department or Registrar's office).
3. Students may not earn more than 6 credits in SUU graduate courses in Communication.
4. Students who pass a graduate course in the program are eligible to waive the GRE requirement pursuant to applying for the degree program.

As an information item, the content included below is from the SUU catalog. This is the link to policy 6.62 <https://help.suu.edu/uploads/attachments/PP662Graduate.pdf>

SUU Policy - Graduate Credit Opportunities for Undergraduates

Undergraduates have two possible options for earning graduate credits during their undergraduate experience.

Non-Graduate Bridge Option

An undergraduate student with senior standing and a gpa of at least 3.0, may enroll in 6000-level graduate courses provided that such enrollment does not cause the student's total credit hour load to exceed 18 credits for the term. At the time of authorized enrollment, the student must choose whether the graduate credits will be applied toward electives within the baccalaureate program or reserved as graduate credit to be applied toward a graduate program at a future date. Graduate credits for a specific course earned under this provision cannot be applied simultaneously to both an undergraduate and graduate degree and program. Before registering for courses, the student must have the approval of the course instructor and the department chair where the credit will be applied. The credit may be used for graduate credit at SUU only after the student is admitted to a graduate program of the University. The maximum amount of such credit that will be accepted at SUU is 6 hours.

Graduate Bridge Option

In academic programs that strategically choose to participate, and at the level selected if participation is opted, SUU undergraduates may request to earn up to 12 graduate credits by taking SUU graduate courses, in order to apply toward a SUU graduate degree program. Respective graduate program director must preemptively approve all such enrollment. Each course may only be attempted once.

Participating graduate programs are required to post their bridge policy, prior to implementation.

Once earned, the undergraduate student may submit a "petition for credit" to use the graduate credits toward undergraduate graduation. The 12 credits may also be applied toward the identified graduate program.