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The program is a professional master's degree in which students learn to create and manage coordinated communications that connect people and organizations. The curriculum blends theory, insight, and real-world application with a focus on the strategic integration of several media fields, including advertising, public relations, brand strategy, digital media, direct mail, content marketing, and research. By taking an audience-centered approach, practitioners can create consistent and effective messages that influence audience behavior. Graduates are prepared for leadership roles in advertising and PR agencies, corporations, media, nonprofit organizations, health care, political communication, sports, or government.

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The program allows working professionals to earn the degree on a part-time basis. By taking two courses in each of the fall and spring semesters, along with two courses in the summer, students can earn the degree in two academic years. Students may also choose to take fewer courses at a time, which would extend the time needed to complete the degree. Students are not required to visit the Oxford campus.

Course Requirements

Required courses cover principles of IMC, design and visual thinking, consumer/target behavior, applied research methods, and brand and relationship strategy, to culminate in a capstone course that emphasizes campaign strategy. Elective courses cover a number of topics, including social media analytics, interactive design, account planning, content marketing, multimedia storytelling, and multi-cultural issues in IMC.

