



# General MA (*No Thesis*)

## OVERVIEW:

Students can choose between two degree options: **Thesis or No Thesis**. Both options require at least **36 total hours, with 27 at the graduate level**.

We offer **one MA degree in Advertising**. All students take the same **5 core courses**, totaling 15 hours.

### **Core Courses (15 hours)**

- Creative Strategies (ADV 387)
- Media Management (ADV 385)
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research (ADV 382)
- Theories of Persuasive Communication (ADV 382J)
- Graduate Campaigns (ADV 391K)

### **Concentrations (Optional)**

Students have the option to specialize by following a structured sequence of courses and selecting electives in areas such as:

- Texas Creative
- Texas Strategy
- Texas Immersive

### **Minor and Elective Courses:**

The program includes work in **advertising, minor areas, and advertising electives**. Minors can be in related fields like **marketing, sociology, information studies, psychology, or English**, and can span multiple disciplines. This flexibility allows students to tailor their degree to their interests.



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<p><b>Fall Year 1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Strategies (ADV 387)*</li> <li>• Media Management (ADV 385)*</li> <li>• Quantitative and Qualitative Research (ADV 382)*</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spring Year 1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theories of Persuasive Communication (ADV 382J)*</li> <li>• Advertising Elective</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fall Year 2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising Elective</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> <li>• Elective</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spring Year 2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Campaigns(ADV 391K)*</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework/Elective</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework/Elective</li> </ul>

\* = Core Course

# Texas Creative

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### ABOUT TEXAS CREATIVE:

The Texas Creative concentration stresses **big-idea branding, conceptual thinking, collaboration, and creative development** through a series of **selective courses and seminars**. Texas Creative students regularly supplement their education with **internships, community service projects, and real-world client problems**. Through our curriculum, creative students are exposed to all sides of the **business, including media planning, account planning, digital media, public relations, research methods, ethics, account management, and campaign development**. Admission to Texas Creative is by **application only**. Applications are available each spring semester. The concentration is a 4-class sequence of portfolio-building classes.

TERM	COURSES
Summer 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative Strategies (ADV 387)*</li> </ul>
Fall Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio 1 (Four-hour class)</li> <li>Media Management (ADV 385)*</li> <li>Quantitative and Qualitative Research (ADV 382)*</li> </ul>
Spring Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of Persuasive Communication (ADV 382J)*</li> <li>Supporting Coursework</li> <li>Portfolio 2 (four-hour class)</li> </ul>
Fall Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio 3 (four-hour class)</li> <li>Supporting Coursework</li> <li>Art Director/Copywriting</li> </ul>
Spring Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Campaigns(ADV 391K)*</li> <li>Portfolio 4 (four-hour class)</li> <li>Elective (if needed for employment, financial aid, etc.)</li> </ul>

# Texas Strategy

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### ABOUT TEXAS STRATEGY:

This concentration is designed to help develop the characteristics in students that define success in **advertising strategy** and **new message development**. This focus is designed to allow students to **observe, interpret, and integrate** consumer intelligence into advertising communication strategy. An **advertising intelligence class, account planning courses, media metrics, and a consumer behavior seminar** - in addition to coursework in **minor** areas such as **sociology, analytics, marketing, and psychology** - are available to students interested in this area.

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Fall Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Strategies (ADV 387)*</li> <li>• Media Management (ADV 385)*</li> <li>• Quantitative and Qualitative Research (ADV 382)*</li> </ul>
Spring Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theories of Persuasive Communication (ADV 382J)*</li> <li>• ADV 391K- Social Media Analytics</li> <li>• ADV 381 - Consumer Behavior</li> </ul>
Fall Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Metrics (ADV 391K)</li> <li>• ADV 391K - Account Planning</li> <li>• Elective</li> </ul>
Spring Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Campaigns(ADV 391K)*</li> <li>• Social Media (ADV 391K)</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> </ul>

# Texas Immersive

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### ABOUT TEXAS IMMERSIVE:

Texas Immersive is where **creativity, strategy, and innovation** converge to shape the future of **immersive media and experiential storytelling**. Designed for students eager to explore how technology transforms audience engagement, the concentration provides hands-on experience in crafting interactive narratives, brand experiences, and dynamic environments. Rooted in **audience-first design**, it bridges media, technology, and human experience — equipping students with the skills to push the boundaries of **what's next** in entertainment, education, marketing, and social impact.

TERM	COURSES
Fall Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Strategies (ADV 387)*</li> <li>• Media Management (ADV 385)*</li> <li>• Quantitative and Qualitative Research (ADV 382)*</li> </ul>
Spring Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theories of Persuasive Communication (ADV 382J)*</li> <li>• Take one or both: Audience Development &amp; Engagement (ADV 391K) and/or Immersive Media Studio (ADV 391K) (B or higher required)</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> </ul>
Summer Year 1 (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creativity in AI (ADV 391K)</li> </ul>
Fall Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register for Experimental Storytelling (ADV 391K)</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> <li>• Elective</li> </ul>
Spring Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Campaigns (ADV 391K)*</li> <li>• Immersive Experience (ADV 391K)</li> <li>• Supporting Coursework</li> </ul>

**Next Steps:** To progress in the Texas Immersive sequence, students must complete **Audience Development & Engagement (ADV 391K)** or **Immersive Media Studio (ADV 391K)** with a grade of **B or higher**. Upon meeting this requirement, students will be eligible to take **Experimental Storytelling (ADV 391K)**, followed by **Immersive Experience (ADV 391K)** in subsequent semesters.

Additional Texas Immersive courses are available for supporting coursework including **Foundations of Immersive Media (391K)** and **Creativity in AI (ADV391K)**.