Students have a choice of completing one of two degree options: Thesis or No Thesis. With both options, students are required to complete at least 36 total hours, 27 of which must be at the graduate level. Although both options require the same 15 hours of required core courses, each option is supplemented by a varying amount of minor and elective courses.

The program includes work in the major area (advertising), minor area, and advertising elective courses. The minor is usually taken in one or more areas that are related to advertising. Students may select minor courses in areas such as marketing, sociology, information studies, psychology, or English. Minor courses can be spread across several disciplines.

The flexibility of the M.A. program allows students to create a graduate degree focused on their interests through advertising sequences, electives, and minors.

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**General MA Schedule -- No Thesis -- 36 Hours**

**Fall Y1**
- Creative Strategies  ADV 387*
- Media Management  ADV 385*
- Quantitative & Qualitative Research  ADV 380J*

**Spring Y1**
- Theories of Persuasive Communication  ADV 382*
- Elective/Minor
- Elective/Minor

**Fall Y2**
- Elective
- Minor
- Elective

**Spring Y2**
- Graduate Campaigns  ADV 391K*
- Sequence class
- Elective/minor

*Core Classes
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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.

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- Quantitative & Qualitative Research ADV 380*

**Spring Y1**
- Theories of Persuasive Communication ADV 382*
- Minor
- Portfolio 1 (four-hour class)

**Fall Y2**
- Portfolio 2 (four-hour class)
- Minor
- Art Director/Copywriting

**Spring Y2**
- Graduate Campaigns  ADV 391K*
- Portfolio 3 (four-hour class)
- Elective (only if nine hours needed for employment, financial aid, etc.)

* Core Class
This program is designed to help students develop the characteristics that define success in advertising media and new media development. Within Media Insights, students gain better understanding of digital media within the context of advertising, social media, analytics, and other forms of integrated communication. Because advertising media is a broad and quickly evolving industry, the program offers a variety of courses, allowing students to focus their training and allowing the Stan Richards School itself to adapt to industry developments.

### Media Insights MA Schedule -- No Thesis -- 36 Hours

**Fall Y1**
- Creative Strategies  ADV 387*
- Media Management  ADV 385*
- Quantitative & Qualitative Research  ADV 380J*

**Spring Y1**
- Theories of Persuasive Communication  ADV 382*
- Media Topics  ADV 391K
- Strategy/Planning  ADV 385

**Fall Y2**
- Digital Metrics  ADV 377
- Minor
- Social Media  ADV 391K

**Spring Y2**
- Graduate Campaigns  ADV 391K*
- Social Media  ADV 391K
- Minor

* Core Class
This program is designed to help students develop the characteristics that define success in advertising planning and strategy, for those interested in uncovering insights into advertising communication strategy and study the managerial, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of multinational advertising. Because advertising is a broad and quickly evolving industry, the program offers a variety of courses, allowing students to focus their training and allowing the Stan Richards School itself to adapt to industry developments.

### STRATEGY/PLANNING MA SCHEDULE -- NO THESIS -- 36 HOURS

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