

# New tuition brings new opportunities and more flexibility for MAIGC students

## M.A. In INTEGRATED GLOBAL COMMUNICATION

### Flexibility in the number of hours you can take each semester

Your tuition is now based on the number of hours you register for each semester. The MAIGC offers three courses (9 hours) in both the first fall and spring semesters, the 6-hour Summer Engagement Abroad Module (SEAM), and two courses (6 hours) in the final fall semester (total 30 hours). However, with the exception of the SEAM, if you wish to take fewer hours each semester, now you can. Please see **Curriculum and plan of study for 4-semester, 30-hour program** and **Plan of study for 7-semester, 30-hour program** and **MAIGC tuition, fees and other expenses** for comparisons.

Please contact the SOCM Office of Graduate Studies (470-578-4900) or Dr. Mayo ([cmayo5@kennesaw.edu](mailto:cmayo5@kennesaw.edu)) if you have questions.

### Flexibility to take courses outside of the MAIGC

Other KSU graduate programs may offer classes that interest you, and now you can register for these classes. Three important notes about this:

- 1) Permission from the non-MAIGC professor or program is required to enroll in her/his class.
- 2) Nine hours is a typical fulltime load for graduate students.
- 3) You must consult with the SOCM Director of Graduate Studies for approval before you register for a course outside of the MAIGC curriculum.

The MAIGC is a 30-hour graduate program, and courses outside of the MAIGC do not substitute for any MAIGC course. All MAIGC courses are required to graduate.

### A final sequence of courses for all students

Although you now have these new choices, students must complete the MAIGC by taking the following sequence of courses back-to-back-to-back:

- 1) COM 7400 Communication Research Methods Spring semester
- 2) The Summer Engagement Abroad Module
- 3) COM 7900 IGC Capstone Final Fall Semester.

Students propose their capstone project as partial fulfillment in COM 7400 and this proposal should include work during the summer and into the final fall COM 7900. The SEAM has a research component and this offers students opportunities to conduct research for their capstone project while abroad. Students return to campus for the final fall semester to complete their capstone project.

### Guidance and advice from graduate faculty to complete your capstone project.

Each MAIGC student will recruit one graduate faculty member to help guide her/him through the project process. This Project Advisor will work with you and the IGC Capstone professor during the final fall semester as you complete the project. Your Project Advisor must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.

### Different tuition structure brings changes for the Summer Engagement Abroad Module

You will be required to cover 100 percent of the costs of the Summer Engagement Abroad Module (SEAM). Typically these expenses have been \$4000-\$5000 per student, but costs vary according to destination, length of stay, and lodging accommodations. Please see **Tuition, fees and other expenses for 4-semester, 7-semester and 10-semester plans of study**. So, although the cost of the overall program has been drastically reduced, you will have to cover your own SEAM expenses. The SEAM is a required module in the program. The Office of Graduate Studies will be happy to offer advice and guidance to you as you plan your SEAM trip. Please contact the SOCM Office of Graduate Studies (470-578-4900) or Dr. Mayo ([cmayo5@kennesaw.edu](mailto:cmayo5@kennesaw.edu)) if you have questions.