

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Communication Studies, B.A.

Effective Fall 2023

Here is a recommended semester-by-semester schedule for students. It includes both courses required for this major and general-education requirements. This is only a guide. Students should meet with their academic advisers to determine how best to satisfy degree requirements. By following this schedule, students who begin as Communication majors can expect to graduate within eight semesters if they wish. Students who transfer later into the department should expect a minimum of four semesters after they have completed the 100- and 200-level core requirements. Students should take five courses per semester in order to stay on track to graduate in four years.

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Media Literacy	COM 100	
or Intro to Human Communication	SPC 103	
Intro to Oral Communication	SPC 205	
College Writing I	CWP 101	
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Digital Storytelling or Intro to Visual Communication	COM 212 or COM 215	COM 100 or SPC 103
College Writing II	CWP 102	CWP 101
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations: Attend at least one faculty office hour; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Media Writing	COM 210	CWP 101 & 102
Upper Level Oral Communication		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper Level Written Communication		
COM/SPC Elective 1 at 300 or 400 level		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations: Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor or certificate program.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper Level Visual Communication		
COM/SPC Elective 2 at 300 or 400 level		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Theory & Criticism Course 1		
COM/SPC Elective 3 at 300 or 400 level		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Theory & Criticism Course 2		
COM/SPC Elective 4 at 300 or 400 level		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Communication and Society	COM 450	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 212 or COM 215, completion of 21 upper division COM/SPC courses
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed.