

B.A. in Communication Studies, 1 year quarter + 3 years semester: switch to 2026-2028 catalog

First Year '25-26			Second Year '26-27		Third Year '27-28		Fourth Year '28-29	
Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
COMS 100 (1100) Intro to the Communication Studies Major (2)	COMS 205 (2205) Rhetorical Studies (4) <1C with a C- or better>	COMS 206 (2206) Communication Theory (4) <A1 with a C- or better>	COMS LD (pick another 1): COMS 2211 (GE 4B) COMS 2213 COMS 2215 COMS 2217 (GE 4B) (3) <1C/A1 with a C- or better>	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	COMS 3312 Quantitative Research Methods OR 3313 Qualitative Research Methods (3) <Jr standing; one of COMS 206, 2206, or 311; and one of STAT 217, 218, 1110>	COMS 3332 Rhetorical Criticism OR COMS 3385 Media Criticism (3) <Jr. standing and completion of Area 1 or Area A with grades of C- or better>	COMS 4460 Undergraduate Seminar (1) <Jr. standing; one of the following: COMS 312 or 3312; COMS 313 or 3313; COMS 332 or 3332; COMS 385 or 3385; COMS major>	COMS 4461 Senior Project (2) <COMS 460 or 4460>
COMS 101 (1101) Public Speaking or 102 (1102) Public Speaking in Digital Spaces (4; GE A1/1C)	STAT 217 or 218 (1110) Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (4; GE B4/2)	COMS LD (pick 1): COMS 211 COMS 213 COMS 215 COMS 217 (4) <A1 with a C- or better>	COMS 2208 (GE 3A) <1A/A2 & 1C/A1 with a C- or better; co-req GE 1B/A3> OR COMS 2250 <1C/A1 with a C- or better; co-req GE 1B> (3)	GE (3)	COMS 3316 Intercultural Communication (3; UD 4 + USCP) < Jr. standing; GE Area 1 & 2 with a C- or better; one LD GE 4 course>	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	UD COMS Elective (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs
GE A2/1A (4)	GE (4)	GE A3/1B (4)	GE + Lab (4)	GE (3)	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	COMS Focus Area course (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	FREE ELECTIVE (3)
GE (4)	FREE ELECTIVE (4)	GE (4)	GE (3)	FREE ELECTIVE (3)	UD GE (3)	UD COMS Elective (3) See catalog for list of courses and pre-reqs	UD GE (3)	FREE ELECTIVE (3)
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					GWR Graduation Writing Requirement (Students can attempt to fulfill the requirement after 60 earned units; students should complete the requirement before senior year. Can complete with GWR approved course or enrolling in UNIV 4401 GWR Portfolio, 0 units)		Free Electives: Required free elective units will vary based on several factors, and additional units may be needed to meet total degree unit requirement. Please check your Degree Progress Report and consult with CLA Advising.	
Quarter Units: 14	Quarter Units: 16	Quarter Units: 16	Semester Units: 16	Semester Units: 15	Semester Units: 15	Semester Units: 15	Semester Units: 13-14	Semester Units: 14-15
Major + Support: 41 semester units			Focus Area: 18 semester units		GE: 34 semester units (+ 9 units in Major)		Free Electives: 27 semester units	

