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Communication Studies

Major Courses

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Major Courses

SEMESTER REQUIREMENT		QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
COMS 1100 Introduction to the Communication Studies Major (2)	➔	COMS 100 Introduction to the Communication Studies Major (2)	
Choose ONE from the following (3): COMS 1101 Public Speaking COMS 1102 Public Speaking in Digital Spaces	➔	Choose ONE from the following (4): COMS 101 Public Speaking COMS 102 Principles of Oral Communication	A1 GE on quarters 1C GE on semesters
COMS 2205 Rhetorical Studies (3)	➔	COMS 205 Rhetorical Studies (4)	
COMS 2206 Communication Theory (3)	➔	COMS 206 Communication Theory (4)	
Choose ONE from the following (3): COMS 2208 Performance, Literature, and Culture COMS 2250 Building Advocacy Skills	➔	Choose ONE from the following (2-4): COMS 208 Performance, Literature, and Culture COMS 250 Forensic Activity	COMS 208 C1 GE on quarters COMS 2208 3A GE on semesters
Choose TWO from the following (6): COMS 2211 Interpersonal Communication COMS 2213 Organizational Communication COMS 2215 Media Studies COMS 2217 Small Group Collaboration and Creativity	➔	Choose TWO from the following (8): COMS 211 Interpersonal Communication COMS 213 Organizational Communication COMS 215 Media Studies COMS 217 Small Group Communication	COMS 2211 and 2217 will fulfill 4B GE, only if taken on semesters
Choose ONE from the following (3): COMS 3312 Quantitative Research Methods in Communication Studies COMS 3313 Qualitative Research Methods in Communication Studies	➔	Choose ONE from the following (4): COMS 312 Quantitative Research Methods in Communication Studies COMS 313 Qualitative Research Methods in Communication Studies	
Choose ONE from of the following (3): COMS 3332 Rhetorical Criticism COMS 3385 Media Criticism	➔	Choose ONE from the following (4): COMS 332 Rhetorical Criticism COMS 385 Media Criticism	
COMS 3316 Intercultural Communication (3)	➔	COMS 316 Intercultural Communication (4)	UD-D GE on quarters UD Area 4 GE on semesters Fulfills USCP
COMS 4460 Undergraduate Seminar (1)	➔	COMS 460 Undergraduate Seminar (1)	
COMS 4461 Senior Project (2)	➔	COMS 461 Senior Project (3)	



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Major, Focus Area, Support, and Elective Courses

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	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
COMS Electives	Choose any TWO upper division (3000-4000 level) COMS courses (6)	Choose any TWO upper division (300-400 level) COMS courses(8)	Only 3 units of supervised instruction, including COMS 4400, COMS 4480, and COMS 4485 may be counted here. Courses used in other areas of the major or focus area cannot also be used here.
Focus Areas	Focus Area Requirement (18) See COMS Focus Area Guides on CLA Semester Conversion website for options	Focus Area Requirement (24) See COMS Focus Area Guides on CLA Semester Conversion website for options	Courses used in other areas of the major cannot also be used here.
Support Courses	STAT 1110 Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (3)	Choose ONE from the following (4): STAT 217 Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods STAT 218 Applied Statistics for the Life Science	B4 GE on quarters Area 2 GE on semesters
Free Electives	FREE ELECTIVES	FREE ELECTIVES	Some units may need to be upper division (3000 - 4000 level) to ensure completion of minimum 40 units of upper division. Speak with a CLA Advisor to determine number of free electives required to meet the minimum 120 semester unit requirement.
Remaining GEs			



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Communication Studies: Culture, Identity, and Power

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	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (18): COMS 3308 COMS 3319 COMS 3320 COMS 3331 COMS 3333 COMS 3350 COMS 3351 COMS 3352 COMS 3387 COMS 4404 COMS 4418 COMS 4420 COMS 4421 COMS 4428 COMS 4430 COMS 4435	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (24): COMS 308 COMS 319 COMS 320 COMS 331 COMS 350 COMS 351 COMS 387 COMS 404 COMS 418 COMS 420 COMS 421 COMS 428 COMS 430 COMS 435	



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Communication Studies: Media and Technology

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	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (18): COMS 3317 COMS 3384 COMS 3386 COMS 3387 COMS 3395 COMS 4402 COMS 4404 COMS 4418 COMS 4421 COMS/BUS 4458 ISLA 3303	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (24): COMS 317 COMS 384 COMS 386 COMS 387 COMS 395 COMS 404 COMS 418 COMS 421 COMS 422 COMS/BUS 458 ISLA 303	



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Communication Studies: Persuasion and Social Influence

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	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (18):	Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (24):	
	COMS 2226	COMS 201	
	COMS 3301	COMS 226	
	COMS 3302	COMS 301	
	COMS 3305	COMS 317	
	COMS 3317	COMS 322	
	COMS 3330	COMS 330	
	COMS 3350	COMS 350	
	COMS 3351	COMS 351	
	COMS 3352	COMS 384	
	COMS 3384	COMS 386	
	COMS 3386	COMS 418	
	COMS 4418	COMS 420	
	COMS 4420	COMS 435	
	COMS 4435		



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Communication Studies: Politics, Advocacy, and Civil Engagement

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	<p>Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (18):</p> <p>COMS 2226 COMS 3302 COMS 3305 COMS 3308 COMS 3319 COMS 3330 COMS 3331 COMS 3350 COMS 3351 COMS 3352 COMS 3384 COMS 3386 COMS 3390 COMS 4402 COMS 4435</p>	<p>Choose SIX from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (24):</p> <p>COMS 201 COMS 226 COMS 308 COMS 319 COMS 322 COMS 330 COMS 331 COMS 350 COMS 351 COMS 384 COMS 386 COMS 390 COMS 422 COMS 435</p>	



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Communication Studies: Relationships, Organizations, and Socialization

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COMS 3301
COMS 3320
COMS 3333
COMS 3387
COMS 4413
COMS 4420
COMS 4421
COMS 4428
COMS 4430
COMS/BUS 4458

Choose **SIX** from the following focus area or any courses in another focus area (24):

COMS 301
COMS 320
COMS 387
COMS 413
COMS 420
COMS 421
COMS 428
COMS 430
COMS/BUS 458



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