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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## SUGGESTED COURSES FOR COMMUNICATION STUDIES (COMS)

- I. Know your Catalog. Check your DPR or PolyProfile to confirm your catalog year. This will determine your course and degree requirements.
- II. Recommend 12-16 units for fall quarter 2023
- III. Major Courses:
  - COMS 100 – section 4. This course will help with your introduction to the department/faculty, getting connected to resources and understanding how to fulfill your major requirements. It may not be required on your catalog, but is exceptionally valuable.
  - *As available*, COMS 206, 213, 217, and/or 250. **COMS 206 should be taken fall or winter.**
  - COMS 308, 312, 316, 322, 330 384, 385, 386, 404 or 418 if prerequisites are completed.
    - **COMS 330 should be taken fall or winter.**
    - **COMS 312 and 332 should be taken in first year.**
  - *as available*, any other COMS major course
- IV. Support Courses:
  - *If not completed*, STAT 217 should be taken fall quarter.
  - *If not completed and required on your catalog*, some combination of HIST 110, HIST 202 or 223, and/or PSY 201/202.
  - ENGL 310 (GWR class) or ENGL 311 (GWR and Upper Division C GE)
  - *As available*, if Spanish is the language chosen for the COMS language requirement, SPAN 103, if not yet completed and if eligible (students with less preparation in a chosen language should enroll in 101 or 102 and work their way up to 103). Other languages available in the Fall quarter at the 101 beginning or 201 intermediate level are CHIN, FR, GER, ITAL, and JPNS. Language placement information: [wlc.calpoly.edu](http://wlc.calpoly.edu).
- V. General Education (GE) Courses:
  - Upper-division B or C GE courses, if needed to reach 12-16 units total.
- VI. Additional Notes:
  - Some course numbers on the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 catalog have changed. COMS 212 Interpersonal Communication is now COMS 211. COMS 311 Communication Theory is now COMS 206. Taking COMS 211 and 206 will fulfill your major requirements for COMS 212 and 311, respectively.
  - The Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR) must be fulfilled by enrolling in a GWR-certified, upper-division course OR by completing a GWR Portfolio. Communications Studies majors may fulfill their GWR with support course ENGL 310 or 311. For more info on the GWR, visit <https://writingandlearning.calpoly.edu/GWR>.
  - Students must satisfy the [United States Cultural Pluralism \(USCP\)](#) requirement. Communication Studies majors fulfill this requirement through COMS 316.

## VII. Advising Center Information:

- Hours: 9 am-12pm & 1-4pm Monday-Friday; Closed: 12-1 p.m. & on holidays
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