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Advising

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

SUGGESTED COURSES FOR COMMUNICATION STUDIES (COMS)

- I. New COMS transfer students will begin on the 2022-2026 quarter catalog, with the option to change to the 2026-2028 semester catalog after the first year. This will be discussed at TR SLO Days and throughout the year
- II. Recommend 12-16 units for Fall quarter 2025
- III. Major Courses, *if not completed*:
 - COMS 100 – Section 7. This course will help with your introduction to the department/faculty, getting connected to resources, and understanding how to fulfill your major requirements.
 - COMS 205, 206
 - COMS 208 or 250
 - Two of: 211, 213, 215, 217
 - COMS 301, 316, 384, and/or, 386, if prerequisites are completed. **NOTE: COMS 312/313 and 332/385 should be taken in Winter or Spring.**
 - Any other COMS major course, *as available*. Check prerequisites.
- IV. Support Courses, *if not completed*:
 - STAT 217 should be taken Fall quarter.
- V. General Education (GE) Courses:
 - Upper-division B or C GE courses, if needed to reach 12-16 units total. Note: UD D GE will be fulfilled with COMS 316: Intercultural Communication.
- VI. Additional Notes:
 - 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
 - Appointments and Zoom Drop-in Advising: cla.calpoly.edu/advising
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