

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS in COMMUNICATION**  
**MAJOR in COMMUNICATION STUDIES (CMST)**  
CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

The major consists of the following requirements, totaling 120 hours necessary for graduation:

I. COMM Foundation & Development	22 hours	IV. CLE requirements	36 hours
II. CMST Major requirements	18 hours	V. Minor + Electives	<u>38 hours</u>
III. Culminating courses	<u>6 hours</u>		
Subtotal:	46 hours	Total:	120 hours

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (I-III)**

Listed below are the in-major requirements for the Communication Studies Major. Majors share 21 hours of common courses in COMM (Core Degree Requirements) and include other courses specific to the major. See reverse for other requirements and "progress to degree" criteria.

**I. FOUNDATION & DEVELOPMENT (22 HOURS)**

Required courses across all majors, including *Core Degree Requirements*\*:

- COMM 1004 First Semester Experience in Communication (1)
- COMM 1014\* Introduction to Communication Studies (3)
- COMM 1015 Communication Skills (3)
- COMM 1016 Communication Skills (3)

Note: Alternative to 1015-16 for transfer students entering the major after freshman year:

- COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3)  COMM elective (3)
- COMM 2124\* Intro to Communication Research (3) Pre: 1014, (1016 or ENGL 1106)
- COMM 2024\* Media Writing (3) Pre: 1014
- COMM 2034\* Visual Media (3) Pre: 1014
- COMM 2084\* Media Institutions

**II. MAJOR-SPECIFIC COURSES (18 HOURS)**

Required 2 courses:

- COMM 2064 The Rhetorical Tradition (3)
- COMM 3064 Persuasion (3) jr. standing, Pre:1016 or ENGL 1106

Select 4 courses from:

- COMM 3074 Persuasive Public Speaking (3) Pre: 1016 or 2004
- COMM 3124 Interpersonal Communication (3) Pre: jr. standing
- COMM 3134 Public Advocacy (3) jr. standing, Pre: 1016 or 2004
- COMM 3214 Professional Communication (3) Pre: 1016 or 2004
- COMM 3254 Media and Politics (3) jr. standing
- COMM 3264 Communication and Gender (3) Pre: jr. standing
- COMM 4014 Media Effects (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4044 International Communication (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4074 Organizational Communication (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4264 Social Media Theory and Practice (3) Pre: 2034
- COMM 4374 New Communication Technology (3) jr. or sr. standing, Pre: 2084 or 4014

**III. CULMINATING COURSES (6 HOURS)**

Required courses for all majors, including *Core Degree Requirements*\*:

- COMM 4024\* Communication Law (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4404\* Communication Capstone (3) Pre: sr. standing

\**Core Degree Requirements* -- 21 total hours common to all COMM majors

**TOTAL hours: 46**



**IV. UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)**

Although courses taken in the CLE may also fulfill major or minor requirements, COMM majors are encouraged to broaden their education by sampling courses from many disciplines.

Area 1	Writing and Discourse COMM 1015 & COMM 1016 (Note: ENGL 1105-1106 for students transferring into the major after the freshman year)	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 2	Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 3	Society and Human Behavior COMM 1014 and 1 other course from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 4	Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 5	Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 6	Creativity and Aesthetic Experience Select 1 3-credit course from CLE	(3 hours)	(3)_____	
Area 7	Critical issues in a Global Context Select 1 course from CLE	(3 hours)	(3)_____	

**CLE Hours: 36**

**V. MINOR + ELECTIVES**

In addition to Major and CLE requirements, students must complete the following to reach 120 hours for graduation:

- Minor, cognate or double major** -- Outside of the major, students must build content knowledge in another area of focus by completing a minor or cognate (minimum 18 hours) or double major (varies by major)
- Free electives** -- Once students complete a minor or cognate, they still have 20 hours they will use toward graduation. Students might consider education abroad, an internship, a field study, undergraduate research, independent study, or other non-required CLE or foreign language courses.

**Minor and Elective Hours: 38**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum of 120 semester hours from the following categories:
 

I. COMM Foundation & Development	IV. Curriculum for Liberal Education
II. CMST Major requirements	V. Minor + Electives
III. Culminating courses	

**Total hours for graduation: 120**

- Minimum of 42 hours in COMM  
Maximum 51 COMM hours; COMM courses beyond 51 hours will not count toward graduation.
- Overall GPA of 2.0; COMM GPA 2.0
- Courses taken in major to fulfill graduation requirements must be graded A-F (not pass/fail).
- COMM courses taken for a minor may NOT be counted toward major requirements.
- Foreign Language** -- Requirement can be met in one of three ways:
  - 3 years of single foreign language in high school OR
  - 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college OR
  - 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (This credit must be in addition to the 120 credits for graduation.)

**PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE**

A student will be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree by meeting these requirements:

- Completion 2124 no later than the 72<sup>nd</sup> hour.
- Overall GPA -- Students who fall below 2.0 will follow university policies for probation and subsequent suspension if the GPA is not raised during the probation period.
- COMM GPA -- Students who fall below 2.0 in COMM will have one semester to regain the required GPA standards. All COMM courses are included in this calculation. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress toward degree after that semester will be blocked from continuing in the major.