

COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR

Recommended Major Course Sequence

Required/Restricted Elective Courses *Upper Division Elective Courses*[†]

Freshman Year

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| COMS 101 | Public Speaking |
| COMS 126 | Argument and Advocacy |
| COMS 201 | Advanced Public Speaking ^{††} <i>or</i> |
| COMS 208 | Performance of Literature ^{††} <i>or</i> |
| COMS 226 | Applied Argumentation ^{††} |
| COMS 212 | Interpersonal Communication |
| COMS 217 | Small Group Communication |
| COMS 250 | Forensic Activity |

Sophomore Year

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| COMS 213 | Organizational Communication |
| COMS 311 | Communication Theory |
| COMS 322 | Persuasion |
| COMS 330 | Classical Rhetorical Theory |
| COMS 350 | Advanced Forensic Activity |
| <i>COMS 301</i> | <i>Business and Professional Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 308</i> | <i>Group Performance of Literature</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 315</i> | <i>Intergroup Communication</i> [†] |

Junior Year

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| COMS 312 | Communication Research |
| COMS 332 | Rhetorical Criticism |
| COMS 331 | Contemporary Rhetoric ^{†††} <i>or</i> |
| COMS 435 | American Political Rhetoric ^{†††} |
| COMS 385 | Media Criticism ^{†††} <i>or</i> |
| COMS 419 | Media Effects ^{†††} |
| <i>COMS 450</i> | <i>Internship in Speech Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 485</i> | <i>Cooperative Education Experience</i> [†] |

Senior Year

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| COMS 460 | Undergraduate Seminar |
| COMS 461 | Senior Project |
| <i>COMS 400</i> | <i>Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 413</i> | <i>Advanced Organizational Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 416</i> | <i>Intercultural Communication</i> [†] (Satisfies USCP Requirement) |
| <i>COMS 418</i> | <i>Health Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 420</i> | <i>Nonverbal Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 421</i> | <i>Gender and Communication</i> [†] |
| <i>COMS 424</i> | <i>Classroom Communication</i> [†] |

[†] Communication Studies majors must complete a minimum 16-units of COMS elective courses. Beginning in Sophomore Year, choose 1-2 elective courses per year.

^{††} Choose between *Advanced Public Speaking*, *Performance of Literature*, and *Applied Argumentation* to satisfy the lower division performance requirement.

^{†††} Choose *Media Criticism* or *Media Effects* to satisfy the upper division media literacy requirement, and *Contemporary Rhetoric* or *American Political Rhetoric* to satisfy the upper division advanced rhetoric requirement. In both instances, the alternate course may be taken as an upper division elective.