

Communication Studies Change of Major Policy

Minimum Requirements

The **minimum** requirements for changing to the Communication Studies major are:

- Completion of all GE Area A coursework
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for all GE coursework attempted at Cal Poly
- Completion of at least 16 graded units of Cal Poly Communication Studies coursework, drawn from the following courses: COMS 201, COMS 208, COMS 212, COMS 213, COMS 217, COMS 226, COMS 301, COMS 308, COMS 311, COMS 315, COMS 322, COMS 330, COMS 331, COMS 385, COMS 416, COMS 418, COMS 419, COMS 420, COMS 421, COMS 424, and COMS 435.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better for all Communication Studies coursework attempted at Cal Poly

Students who are not admitted to the major are encouraged to minor in Communication Studies. The minor program consists of 28 units of Communication Studies coursework – 16 units of required courses and 12 units of elective courses chosen in consultation with the minor advisor, Dr. Michael Fahs (47-36H).

Change of Major Approval Procedure

Your petition to change your major to Communication Studies must be approved by the department chair for your current major, the Communication Studies Department chair, and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

To initiate the change of major process, submit the following materials to the Communication Studies Department chair, Dr. T. C. Winebrenner (47-33):

- Completed university **Petition to Change Major**, signed by the department chair for your current major (a copy of the petition is available as an online fill-in form on the Communication Studies website – <http://www.calpoly.edu/~spc/>).
- Completed Communication Studies Department **Change of Major Application Summary** (also available as an online fill-in form on the Communication Studies website).
- An unofficial copy of your **Cal Poly Transcript**, which you may access and print via your *mycalpoly* portal (<http://my.calpoly.edu>). Please highlight each of the GE and COMS courses listed on your transcript.

If the Communication Studies Department chair approves your petition, it will be forwarded to the College of Liberal Arts for final approval. If your petition is approved on the College level, it will be forwarded to the Office of Academic Records for processing. Your change of major will become official on the first day of the academic quarter following approval.

For a complete explanation of the university change of major process, consult the Cal Poly Academic Programs webpage (http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/curriculum/change_major.htm/).