

Communication Studies (B.A.)

Political Communication

School of Communication

2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog



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sample plan of study

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General Education (36-43 credit hours)

Please consult your Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)

- _____ 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- _____ 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)

Please see major requirements for mathematics options

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)

Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

Exempt for Communication Studies majors

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

Social Sciences (1 course required)***

Additional Graduation Requirements

_____/120 minimum total credit hours

_____/42 minimum senior college hours

_____ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement

***certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement

B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)

Major (45 credit hours)

- _____ 1 COM 100 Introduction to the Study of Communication
- _____ 3 COM 111 Introduction to Communication Theories
- _____ 3 COM 123 Interpersonal Communication
- _____ 3 COM 201 Communication & Social Issues (*P: COM 111*)
- _____ 3 COM 210 Communication & Critical Thinking (*P: COM 110*)
- _____ 3 COM 223 Small Group Processes
- _____ 3 COM 226 Classical Rhetoric (*P: COM 111*)
- _____ 3 COM 229 Foundations of Organizational Communication
- _____ 3 COM 272 Foundations of Intercultural Communication
(*P: COM 111*)
- _____ 3 COM 297 Communication Research Methods (*P: COM 111; 60+ earned hours*)
- _____ 3 COM 371 Political Communication (*P: COM 111*)
- _____ 2 COM 388 Senior Capstone: Communication Studies (*P: COM 110, 111, 297; 90+ earned hours; 24 hours in major field*)

Take one of the following courses:

- _____ 3 COM 303 Controversy & Contemporary Society (*P: COM 111*)
- _____ 3 COM 304 Freedom of Speech & Press (*P: COM 111*)

Take three (9 credit hours) additional Political Communication electives:

(COM 202, 218, 225, 227, 228, 296, 299, 302, 303, 304, 318, 321, 323, 324, 325, 328, 329, 331, 369, 370, 372, 375, 398)

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Total Hours Required for Political Communication - 120	
First Year <i>Fall Semester (16 credit hours)</i> _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 115 (4) B.A. lang. req./Fill out CAP form after passing. _____ University wide elective (3)	<i>Spring Semester (16 credit hours)</i> _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ SPA 116 (4) Gen Ed - LH _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3)
Second Year <i>Fall Semester (18 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 111 (3) _____ COM 223 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 213 (3) _____ University wide elective (3) _____ SPA 214 (3) (or OPE/proficiency for credit)	<i>Spring Semester (13 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 100 (1) _____ COM 123 (3) _____ COM 229 (3) _____ SPA 215 or SPA 233 or (SPA 243 or 244) (3) _____ General Education course (3) Spanish minor complete here if start at 115 first year.
Third Year <i>Fall Semester (15 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 201 (3) _____ COM 210 (3) _____ COM 297 (3) _____ SPA 233 or (SPA 243 or 244) or SPA 215 (3) _____ (SPA 243 or 244) or SPA 215 or SPA 233 (3) 244 meets AMALI	<i>Spring Semester (15 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 226 (3) _____ COM 272 (3) _____ Senior College Political Communication elective (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA (323/324/326/327) or SPA 305 or 311 or 360 (3)
Fourth Year <i>Fall Semester (15 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 303 or 304 (3) _____ COM 371 (3) _____ Senior College Political Communication elective (3) _____ SPA 310 or 360 or 305 or (323/324/326/327) (3) _____ AMALI requirement or University wide elective (3)	<i>Spring Semester (16 credit hours)</i> _____ COM 388 (2) _____ Senior College Political Communication elective (3) _____ University wide elective (4) _____ SPA 311 or 305 or 360 (3) _____ SPA 336 or 337 or 385 or other 300 (3) _____ Senior College University wide elective (1)

NOTES:

Brazil participants will complete COM 320 & COM 390 either the summer between their second/third year or third/fourth year. This will take the place of two com studies major electives.

Please consult with your academic advisor regarding University wide electives and appropriate minors/endorsements.