

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES-BA OR BS

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Communications Studies major (45 credits)		
School of Communications Core (9 credits)	Capstone (3 credits)	
<p>— COM 101 Concepts of Communication (3) — COM 201 Speech (3) — COM 295 Communication Theory (3) Prerequisite: COM 101</p>	<p>— COM 495 Issues in Communications (3) Prerequisite: Senior Standing</p>	
Communication Studies Core (24 credits)		
At least 12 credits of Communication Studies Core courses must be at the 300 level or above; the 18 credits must be unduplicated		
<p>— COM 202 Critical Interpretation (SWS) (3) OR COM 203 Argument & Analysis (SWS) (3) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3)</p>	<p>— COM 498 Senior Thesis/Project or COM 490 Internship (1-6) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3) (300-level or above) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3) (300-level or above) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3) (300-level or above) — Communication Studies Core _____ (3) (300-level or above)</p>	
Communication Studies Core options		
<p>COM 202 Critical Interpretation (SWS) COM 203 Argument & Analysis (SWS) COM 209 Health Communication Systems COM 210 Nonverbal Communication COM 215 Story Making (SWS) COM 220 Media Literacy COM 301 Interpersonal Communication</p>	<p>COM 302 Small Group Communication COM 303 Debate COM 320 Vision and Culture COM 371 Media and Society COM 372 Global Communications COM 376 Communication Policy and Law</p>	<p>COM 378 Intercultural Communication COM 380 Special Topics COM 399 Independent Studies COM 438 Communications Ethics COM 477 History of Communications Technologies</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Studies Core options may include more than one COM 380, and may include no more than 3 credits in COM 399. Up to 6 COM 490 (Internship) credits allowed in the Core/Major. 		
Electives (9 credits)		
Complete 9 credits of any of the following courses or other advisor-approved course(s)		
Electives _____, _____, _____ (9)		
<p><u>Advertising and Public Relations</u> CAP 209 Fundamentals of Advertising CAP 219 Fundamentals of Public Relations CAP 321 Media Relations Writing</p> <p><u>Multimedia Journalism</u> CMJ 184 Television Media Production CMJ 236 News in Society CMJ 256 News Reporting (SWS) CMJ 284 Broadcast News I CMJ 290 Journalism History CMJ 316 News Editing and Graphics</p> <p><u>Health Communications</u> CAP 219 Fundamentals of Public Relations COM 209 Health Communication Systems COM 410 Senior Seminar in Health Com</p>	<p><u>Theatre</u> THE 151 Acting I: Improvisation THE 161 Theatre Production THE 162 Play Analysis THE 261 Stagecraft I THE 362 Production Dramaturgy THE 371 Theatre History I THE 372 The Modern Theatre</p> <p><u>Film and Video</u> FVP 123 Media Production Modes FVP 125 Media Production I FVP 225 Film Culture FVP 373 Issues of Representation FVP 376 Latin American Cinema</p>	<p><u>Photography</u> PHO 171 Photography I (4) PHO 172 Photography II PHO 175 Understanding Still Photography PHO 266 History of Photography I PHO 272 Digital Photography I PHO 279 Color Photography I</p> <p>*Courses cannot count for both Elective credits and Communications Studies Core credits. COM prefix courses not otherwise applied to the major may be eligible for substitutions as elective course credits, pending faculty advisor approval. Other courses may qualify for application to the major but may not be listed, see your faculty advisor.</p>

Degree: choose one (B.A. or B.S.)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
<p>Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement (http://www.gvsu.edu/mll/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm) or by completing the courses listed below:</p> <p>— Language 101* (4) — Language 102* (4) (*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150) — Language 201 (4)</p>	<p>— STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3) Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent</p> <p>— COM 275 Foundations of Communication Research (3) Prerequisites: COM 101</p> <p>— COM 375 Communication Research (3) Prerequisite: STA 215 and COM 275</p>

Sample Plan

Year One	Year Three	*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute
COM 101 (3) COM 201 (3) BA or BS Course (3-4) WRT 130 ¹ or 150 (4) MTH 110 (4)	COM Studies Core (3) COM Studies Core (3) COM Studies Core (3) COM Elective (3) BA or BS Course (3-4)	*Students should complete an average of 30 credits per year to earn the required 120 credits to graduate within a 4 year time span *The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15
Year Two	Year Four	
COM 295 (3) COM 202 or 203 (3) COM Studies Core (3) COM Elective (3) COM Elective (3) BA or BS Course (3-4)	COM Studies Core (3) COM 495 (3) COM 498 or COM 490 (1-6)	

¹ WRT 120 is a prerequisite for WRT 130. Students should take WRT 120 in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 150 in order to satisfy the WRT 150 requirement at GVSU.

Guide for Declaring the Communication Studies Major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select “Student”, “Student Records”, and then, “Change Major”
3. Click on the “Change Major 1/Program” box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to “New Major 1/Program,” from here scroll down and choose “Communication Studies-BA” **OR** “Communication Studies-BS” depending on your degree
5. Click “Submit” and then “Change to New Program”

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the Communication Studies major:	
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215, if selecting the B.S. degree	Philosophy and Literature: option of selecting COM 202 in the Communication Studies Core
Arts Category: option of selecting FVP 225 or CTH 161 in the Elective Area of the Communication Studies major	Identity Issue: option of selecting COM 438 in the Communication Studies Core Supplemental Writing Skills: option of selecting COM 202, or 203, or 215 in the Communication Studies Core