

ACADEMIC ROADMAP
 Communication Studies, B.A.
 Effective Fall 2025

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Media Literacy or Intro to Human Communication	COM 100 or SPC 103	
Intro to Oral Communication	SPC 205	
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing II (Argumentation and Research)	CWP 102	CWP 101
Intro to Digital Storytelling or Intro to Visual Communication	COM 212 or COM 215	
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

You should attend at least one faculty office hour, visit Academic Excellence Center (math, writing, and general tutoring), and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works this year.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Media Writing	COM 210	CWP 102 and COM 100 or SPC 103
Upper Level Oral Communication		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper Level Written Communication		
COM/SPC Elective 1 at 300- or 400-level		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a second major, minor, or certificate program.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper Level Visual Communication		
COM/SPC Elective 2 at 300- or 400-level		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Theory & Criticism Course 1		
COM/SPC Elective 3 at 300- or 400-level		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career & Professional Education Center to discuss appropriate career and graduate school options.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Theory & Criticism Course 2		
COM/SPC Elective 4 at 300 or 400 level		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Communication and Society	COM 450	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 212 or COM 215, completion of 21 upper division COM/SPC courses
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Center to have your resume reviewed.