



## Scripps School of Communication

The Ohio University School of Communication Studies (COMS) offers a rigorous liberal arts education, emphasizing the scientific and artistic basis of communication. Using theory and practice, students develop critical thinking, strong written and oral communication skills, effective interpersonal and group communication capabilities and problem solving skills that lead to success in any profession.

The curriculum outlined below is a semester-by-semester plan of study for the COMS major in adherence to section 3333.71 of the Revised Code for the three-year baccalaureate degrees. Please review this document and the following endnotes to gain a better understanding of the program requirements.

The scheduling scenario below is intended to present an example pattern by which this major can be completed in three years. Those interested in pursuing this option need to work with an academic advisor to develop a specific plan to earn the 128 credit hours required for graduation.

### Communication Studies

Post-Secondary Coursework or Transfer/AP/IB Credit			
Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
Tier I Freshman Composition	3		
Tier 1 Quantitative Skills	3		
Tier II Applied Science & Mathematics	3		
Tier II Cross Cultural Perspectives	3		
Tier II Humanities & Literature	3		
Tier II Social Science	3		
Tier II Fine Arts	3		
Total hours (minimum 15 <sup>1</sup> )	15 <sup>2</sup>		

Semester 1: Fall			
Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
Tier I/Tier II Requirement (6 of 12 remaining hours)	6		
COMS 1030 Public Speaking <sup>3</sup>	3		C
COMS 1100 Communication Between Cultures	3		C
Related Area Requisite <sup>4</sup>	3		
Total hours for semester	15		

**Semester 2: Spring**

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
Tier I/Tier II Requirement (6 of 6 remaining hours)	6		
Take 2/3:			
COMS 2050 Techniques in Group Communication	3		C
COMS 2060 Communication and Interpersonal Relationships	3		C
COMS 2150 Argumentation Analysis & Advocacy	3		C
Related Area Requisite	3	Yes	
Total hours for semester	15		

**Semester 3: Summer**

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
COMS Elective #1 <sup>5</sup>	3		
Related Area #1	3		
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Total hours for semester	12		

**Semester 4: Fall**

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
COMS RESEARCH Take 1/3:			
COMS 3420 Field Research Methods in Communication	3	Yes	
COMS 3520 Empirical Research Applications in Communication	3	Yes	
COMS Rhetorical Analysis & Criticism	3	Yes	
THEORY: COMS 2350 Introduction to Communication Theory	3		C
Related Area #3	3		
General Elective <sup>6</sup>	3	Yes	
General Elective	3	Yes	
Total hours for semester	15		

**Semester 5: Spring**

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
COMS THEORY Take 1/3 (or 2/3 if both are to count for JE requirement):			
COMS 3400 Introduction to Health Communication	3	Yes	
COMS 3500 Introduction to Organization Communication	3	Yes	
COMS 3600 Introduction to Communication & Public Advocacy	3	Yes	
Related Area #4	3	Yes	
Related Area #5	3	Yes	
General Elective	3		
Total hours for semester	15		

**Semester 6: Summer**

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Minimum Grade
COMS 4800 Capstone Seminar in Communication	3	Yes	
COMS Elective #5	3		
COMS Elective #6	3		
General Elective	3		
Total hours for semester	12		

<sup>1</sup>All Tier I and Tier II Courses can be taken at any time. Since most of the general education courses (Tier courses at OU) easily transfer from institution to institution, we recommend that student plan to take these courses BEFORE taking courses within a major.

<sup>2</sup>The estimated number of hours transferred or taken as AP is set at 15. Students with additional AP credits would be allowed to count them (as appropriate) to the 3-year degree pathway.

<sup>3</sup>Public Speaking could be taken at another institution or as a post-secondary course. <sup>4</sup> Although COMS requires a minimum of six courses for a related area (which can be completed with the completion of a minor or a certificate program), many courses of great interest have requisites that must be completed prior to enrollment in upper level courses. Not all minors or certificate programs require 18 hours. Most student complete this requirement with more than the minimum.

<sup>4</sup>Although COMS requires three COMS Electives, it is likely that the academic advisors will encourage more than the three course minimum.

<sup>5</sup>General Electives can come from any department. Academic advisors often encourage an expanded related area and/or a minor, certificate program that will complement the COMS major.