

Santa Monica College – Ohio University Plan

Communication Online Program Pathway

Study communication in the Scripps College of Communication, recognized as a Center of Excellence by the Ohio Board of Regents. The online Communication major, is ideally suited for both new college students and continuing professionals in a variety of public, non-profit, and private organizations who have positions that emphasize internal and external communication. The major cross-trains individuals in visual, written, and oral communication, emphasizing both practical application and theory-based communication strategy. Courses are designed with best practices for online pedagogy, emphasizing the same student enrichment philosophy that grounds other majors in the Scripps College of Communication.

Online Convenience. Ohio University Quality.

- Review study materials and submit assignments online.
- Learn from distinguished professors.
- Progress through the degree in consultation with an Ohio University academic advisor.

Admission Requirements

- No additional requirements beyond undergraduate admissions requirements for freshman or transfer admission.
- Transfer applicants must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher from all institutions previously attended to be considered for admission. If you have completed fewer than 20 semester hours of 30 quarter hours of university or college coursework, you must also submit your high school transcript for evaluation.
- Official transcripts sent directly to OHIO University from all colleges and universities you have attended.

Application Information

Apply online ohio.edu/admissions/apply

Students can complete this program through OHIO Online

Submit all college-level transcripts to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Ohio University
Chubb Hall 120
1 Ohio University Drive
Athens, OH 45701

Ohio University Contact Information

Undergraduate Admissions

740.593.4100

E-mail general questions to

transfer@ohio.edu

For more information visit www.ohio.edu/partners



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Degree Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science, Communication major, a student must have completed all OHIO University graduation requirements: general education, College, major, and residency. Students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of OHIO University credit, complete a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at OHIO University, and complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours for graduation (elective hours may be required).

Ohio University BRICKS General Education Requirements

BRICKS is Ohio University's general education program, and requirements must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. BRICKS includes a minimum of 38 credit hours across five categories: Foundations, Pillars, Arches, Bridges, and Capstone. Courses used to satisfy BRICKS requirements may be completed through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online. The table below lists Santa Monica College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet BRICKS requirements. General education courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets.

OHIO BRICKS Requirement	Santa Monica College Course Numbers
FOUNDATIONS	Take one course from each listed category
Written Communication	ENGL 1, ENGL 1D, ENGL 21A and ENGL 21B
Advanced Writing	BUS 32; ENGL 18, ENGL 21A and ENGL 21B, ENGL 34, ENGL C1001
Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 2, MATH 3, MATH 4, MATH 8, MATH 28, MATH 41, MATH 50; PHILOS 7; STAT C1000
Intercultural Explorations	AD JUS 67; ANTHRO 2; COM ST 37; HIST 34; POL SC 2
PILLARS	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Humanities: Texts and Contexts	ENGL 5, ENGL 6, ENGL 7, ENGL 8, ENGL 50; HIST 1, HIST 2, HIST 33; PHILOS 1, PHILOS 2
Humanities: Arts	AHIS 1, AHIS 11
Natural Sciences	ANATMY 1 and PHYS 3; BIOL 2, BIOL 3, BIOL 9, BIOL 21 and BIOL 22, BIOL 23; CHEM 11; GEOG 5, GEOL 3, GEOL 4; MCRBIO 1; PHYSCS 6, PHYSCS 8, PHYSCS 21; ZOOL 5
Social or Behavioral Sciences	ECON 1, ECON 2; GEOG 2, GEOG 11; GLOBAL 11; HIST 11, HIST 12, HIST 16, HIST 34, HIST 38, HIST 39; POL SC 7; POLS C1000; PSYC C1000; SOCIOL 1, SOCIOL 15, SOCIOL 33; WGS 10
ARCHES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Constructed World	AHIS 2; HIST 53; MATH 7; SOCIOL 4; TH ART 2
Natural World	ANATMY 1 and PHYS 3; ANTHRO 1, ANTHRO 5; ASTRON 1, ASTRON 2, ASTRON 3, ASTRON 4; CHEM 12, CHEM 19; PHYSCS 7, PHYSCS 9, PHYSCS 12, PHYSCS 14, PHYSCS 22
Connected World	AD JUS 1; ANTHRO 2, ANTHRO 3; POL SC 2, POL SC 51; PSYCH 2, PSYCH 3, PSYCH 11, PSYCH 13, PSYCH 14, PSYCH 320; SOCIOL 2, SOCIOL 25
BRIDGES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 1 credit each)
Speaking and Listening	[COMM C1000]
Ethics and Reasoning	BUS 1; [COMM C1000]
Diversity and Practice	AHIS 2; [COMM C1000]; ENGL 10; POL SC 21; SOCIOL 34
Learning and Doing	No current equivalencies
CAPSTONE	Minimum 2 credits (no current equivalencies)

BRICKS and Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution* prior to enrollment in a degree-seeking program at Ohio University will receive transfer credit equivalent to fulfilling Ohio University's BRICKS general education requirements in Foundations (excluding the Advanced Writing component, which requires completion of an equivalent course), Pillars, and Arches. Students who have not completed an approved degree will have their courses evaluated individually to determine appropriate general education requirement fulfillment. *Institutions must be accredited by regional accrediting commissions recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to qualify.



Communication Major Courses

Choose no more than 3 total courses at Santa Monica College

Foundational Knowledge and Skills

Complete all of the following courses through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online.

Complete JOUR 1330 and VICO 1000 with a grade of 'C' (2.0) or better.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Using Communication Tools	COMM 1000	
Fundamentals of Public Speaking	[COMS 1030]	[COMM C1000]
Precision Language for Journalists	JOUR 1330	
Media Storytelling and the Creative Process or Introduction to Studies in Visual Communication	MDIA 1020 or VICO 1000	

Practice

Complete all of the following courses through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Techniques of Group Discussion	COMS 2050	COM ST 16
Mass Media Writing Principles	JOUR 2150	
Introduction to Basic Publication/Web Design	VICO 2514 or VICO 2561	

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Complete five courses (three courses must be from the 3000- or 4000-level) for a minimum of fifteen semester hours. Complete courses through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Special Topics in Communication	COMM 3900	
Communication in Interpersonal Relationships	COMS 2060	COM ST 35
Organization Communication for Nonmajors	COMS 2500	
Communication and New Technology	COMS 3200	
Communication Technology and Organizing	COMS 3250	
Cross-Cultural Communication	COMS 4100	
Consumer Issues in Telecommunication	ITS 1010	
Understanding Internet Technology	ITS 2010	
Privacy in the Internet Age	ITS 4310	
Podcasting Survey	JOUR 2230	
Introduction to Advertising and Public Relations	JOUR 2500	JOURN 43
Communication Law	JOUR 3100	
Gender, Race, and Class in Journalism and Mass Media	JOUR 4130	
Podcasting and Audio Journalism	JOUR 4200	
International Mass Media	JOUR 4660	
Seminar in Online Journalism	JOUR 4923	
Media Storytelling and the Creative Process (if not used in Foundational Knowledge)	MDIA 1020	

Strategy

Elective options continued

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Social Media Introduction	MDIA 2113	
Audience Research	MDIA 3105	
Advanced Social Media	MDIA 4120	
Introduction to Studies in Visual Communication (if not used in Foundational Knowledge)	VICO 1000	

Synthesis

Complete all of the following courses through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Applied Communication Capstone (completes OHIO BRICKS Capstone Requirement)	[COMM 4000]	
Qualitative Inquiry in Communication	COMS 3420	
Ethics, Mass Media, and Society	[JOUR 3200]	

Additional Course Requirements

Complete the following courses to reach a total of 120 credit hours through Santa Monica College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Santa Monica College Course Number
Electives	Work with an Academic Advisor for appropriate course selection	

Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related Santa Monica College equivalents as of the Last Updated date. All information is subject to change without notice. Students must complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours, are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning. Courses are subject to availability at each institution. It is suggested that students meet with an advisor to discuss course selection based on offered options.

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