



## Stark State College – Ohio University Plan

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### 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.

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### 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](https://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

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### Ohio University Contact Information

#### Undergraduate Admissions

740.593.4100

#### E-mail general questions to

[transfer@ohio.edu](mailto:transfer@ohio.edu)

For more information visit [www.ohio.edu/starkstate](https://www.ohio.edu/starkstate)



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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 Stark State College or OHIO Online. The table below lists Stark State 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. HIST courses marked with an asterisk (\*) will automatically equate to HIST 1320 and/or HIST 1330, but may instead equate to HIST 1210 and/or HIST 1220. Work with your academic advisor to make adjustments as necessary.

OHIO BRICKS Requirement	Stark State College Course Numbers
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>	Take one course from each listed category
Written Communication	ENG 124
Advanced Writing	ENG 221, ENG 230, ENG 231
Quantitative Reasoning	MTH 118, MTH 124, MTH 124A and MTH 124B, MTH 125, MTH 125A and MTH 125B, MTH 130, MTH 135, MTH 135A and MTH 135B, MTH 224
Intercultural Explorations	COM 227; HIS 222*
<b>PILLARS</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Humanities: Texts and Contexts	ENG 233, ENG 234, ENG 236, ENG 237; HIS 221*, HIS 222*; PHL 122
Humanities: Arts	No current Humanities: Arts equivalencies
Natural Sciences	BIO 101, BIO 121, BIO 127, BIO 130, BIO 141, BIO 142, BIO 200, BIO 221, BIO 241, BIO 242; CHM 141; GEO 141; PHY 121, PHY 221
Social or Behavioral Sciences	BUS 221, BUS 222; HIS 121, HIS 122, HIS 222*; PSC 121; PSY 121; SOC 121
<b>ARCHES</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Constructed World	MTH 223
Natural World	BIO 122, BIO 128; CHM 123, CHM 142; PHY 101, PHY 105, PHY 122, PHY 222
Connected World	BIO 126; CJS 121; EDU 131; OTA 223; PSC 122, PSY 131, PSY 220, PSY 221; SOC 123, SOC 221
<b>BRIDGES</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 1 credit each)
Speaking and Listening	[COM 121]
Ethics and Reasoning	CJS 140 and CJS 240; [COM 121]
Diversity and Practice	ASL 121; [COM 121]; SOC 229
Learning and Doing	EMS 224, EMS 225; MAS 226; SUR 204; SWK 121
<b>CAPSTONE</b>	Minimum 2 credits (no current equivalencies)

### BRICKS and the Ohio Transfer 36 or Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete the minimum requirements of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36, formerly the Ohio Transfer Module), 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 the OT36 or 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.



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## Communication Major Courses

Choose no more than 3 total courses at Stark State College

### Foundational Knowledge and Skills

Complete all of the following courses through Stark State 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	Stark State College Course Number
Using Communication Tools	COMM 1000	
Fundamentals of Public Speaking	[COMS 1030]	[COM 121]
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 Stark State College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Stark State College Course Number
Techniques of Group Discussion	COMS 2050	COM 123 or SPH 122
Mass Media Writing Principles	JOUR 2150	
Introduction to Basic Publication/Web Design	VICO 2514 or VICO 2561	

### Strategy

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

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Stark State College Course Number
Special Topics in Communication	COMM 3900	
Communication in Interpersonal Relationships	COMS 2060	COM 122
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	
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 and the Creative Process (if not used in Foundations II area)	MDIA 1020	

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OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Stark State 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 Foundations II area)	VICO 1000	

**Synthesis**

Complete all of the following courses through Stark State College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Stark State 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 Stark State College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Stark State 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 Stark State 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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