COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/) and the degree requirements of their home school.

Major Requirements (12 units)

All courses for SoC majors, minors, fields of concentration and distribution requirements must be completed with a grade of C- or higher and may not be taken P/N.

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  COMM_ST 102-0 | Public Speaking

- 3 courses, to be completed before the end of the sophomore year because the material covered is prerequisite to more advanced courses:

  - Course | Title
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    COMM_ST 205-0 | Theories of Persuasion
  
  One of:
  
  - COMM_ST 215-0 | Principles of Rhetorical Criticism
    or COMM_ST 225-0 | Communication and Culture
    or COMM_ST 275-0 | Persuasive Images: Rhetoric of Popular Culture

  One of:
  
  - COMM_ST 227-0 | Communication & Technology
    or COMM_ST 246-0 | Intro to Health Communication
    or COMM_ST 270-0 | Theories of Mediated Communication

- Course | Title
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  COMM_ST 294-0 | First-Year Seminar (the lower-division writing requirement; must be taken in fall quarter of the first year; may be substituted for transfer students)

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  COMM_ST 394-0 | Communication Studies Research Seminar (the upper-division writing requirement; must be taken during the junior year)

- 6 additional communication studies courses including:
  
  - 1 200- or 300-level COMM ST course (or 2 courses for transfer students who did not take 294)
  
  - 5 300-level COMM ST courses

Course | Title
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COMM_ST 290-0 | Forensics
CMN 340-0 | Internship
COMM_ST 389-0 | Practicum in Communication Research
COMM_ST 397-0 | Honors Seminar
COMM_ST 399-0 | Independent Study

Additional Requirements (30 units)

Distribution Requirements (18 units)

18 units of credit outside the department, including 3 units of credit from each of the three School of Communication distribution areas:

- science, mathematics, and technology; individual and social behavior; and humanities and fine arts.

Electives (12 units)

Electives in communication and other areas to complete a minimum of 42 units of credit.

Concentration Outside the School of Communication

A field of concentration outside the School of Communication (normally one of the disciplines of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences), consisting of at least 6 units of credit; of these 6, at least 3 must be 300- or 400-level courses. A non—School of Communication minor, dual major, or adjunct major satisfies this requirement. Courses taken to satisfy the field of concentration requirement may fulfill distribution or elective course requirements.

Language Requirement

Proficiency in a classical or modern foreign language equivalent to the work covered in a second-year college-level course (proficiency is established in precisely the same manner as in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; see foreign language requirements (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext)). Courses taken to satisfy the language requirement may fulfill distribution or elective course requirements.

Honors in Communication Studies Major

The Undergraduate Honors Program in Communication Studies offers an opportunity for highly motivated Communication Studies majors to conduct original scholarly research. Each student works closely with faculty to produce an original research project in an interest area determined by the student. Seniors who successfully complete the program will be eligible to graduate with departmental honors. Also see Honors and Prizes in Graduation Honors (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/graduation-degrees/graduation-honors/).