

Communication Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Students should consult the department for details.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least two courses in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least six courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least eight courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Iowa Degree in Three

University of Iowa majors who are strongly motivated can graduate with a degree in three years under the Iowa Degree in Three. The program is available to students who can complete more semester hours each term than they would on the Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

Students are allowed to bring Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit upon admission to reduce the number of semester hours required for their degree. They should consult their advisor about the program.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
COMM:1168 or COMM:1174	Music and Social Change ^{b, c, d} or Media and Society	3

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		2
Hours		15-16
Spring		
COMM:1170 or COMM:1112	Communication Theory in Everyday Life ^{b, d} or Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM:1117 or COMM:1130	Advocacy and Argument ^{b, d, g} or The Art of Persuading Others	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		15-16
Second Year		
Fall		
Major: intermediate communication studies course (prefix COMM numbered 1300-2899)		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e		4
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^{e, h}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Hours		14-15
Spring		
Major: intermediate communication studies course (prefix COMM numbered 1300-2899)		3
Major: intermediate communication studies course (prefix COMM numbered 1300-2899)		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives ^{e, j}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Hours		16-17
Third Year		
Fall		
Major: intermediate communication studies course (prefix COMM numbered 1300-2899)		3
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GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		16-17
Spring		
Major: communication studies elective course (prefix COMM numbered 1100-4999)		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society ^{e, k}		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^{e, l}		3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ	4 - 5
Elective course ^f	3
Hours	16-17

Fourth Year**Fall**

Major: communication studies elective course (prefix COMM numbered 1100-4999)	3
Major: communication studies capstone course (prefix COMM numbered 3000-4999)	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Hours	15

Spring

Major: communication studies elective course (prefix COMM numbered 1100-4999)	3
Major: communication studies elective course (prefix COMM numbered 1100-4999)	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^m	

Hours	15
Total Hours	122-128

- Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- j Students who have previously completed COMM:1168 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Understanding Cultural Perspectives requirement.
- k Students who have previously completed COMM:1174 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Values and Society requirement.
- l Students who have previously completed COMM:1170 or COMM:1174 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Social Sciences requirement.
- m Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.
- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.
- b Students should take foundations of communication courses early in their studies.
- c COMM:1168 is typically offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
- d Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- g COMM:1117 is typically offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
- h Students who have previously completed COMM:1117 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Quantitative or Formal Reasoning requirement.
- i Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate