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.

Communication Studies, BA

Course Title Hours

Academic Career

Any Semester

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

Hours 0

First Year

Fall

COMM:1177 or COMM:1168 Media and Society or Music and Social Change 3

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4

Spring

COMM:1117 or COMM:1130 Advocacy and Argument or The Art of Persuading Others 3

COMM:1112 or COMM:1170 Interpersonal Communication or Communication Theory in Everyday Life 3

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives

Elective course 3

Hours 14-15

GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts

Spring

COMI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Elective course 3

Hours 15-16

Second Year

Fall

COMM:1898 Introduction to Latina/o/x Communication and Culture 3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4

GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Hours 14-15

Third Year

Fall

Major: intermediate communication studies course (prefix COMM numbered 1300-2899) 3

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GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3

GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Hours 16-17

Spring

Major: communication studies elective course (prefix COMM numbered 1100-4999) 3

GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3

GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Elective course 3

Hours 16-17
**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

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**Total Hours** 121-127

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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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

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:1898 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Diversity and Inclusion requirement.

i. Students who have previously completed COMM:1174 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Social Sciences requirement.

j. Students who have previously completed COMM:1170 or COMM:1174 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Social Sciences requirement.

k. Students who have previously completed COMM:1170 or COMM:1174 have already satisfied the GE CLAS Core Values and Culture requirement.

m. 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.

n. Students should take foundations of communication courses early in their studies.

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 Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.