

COMMUNICATION STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (ONLINE)

In addition to completing the general education requirements of the university and the college, students majoring in communication studies are required to complete 21 credits of core COMM courses and 15 credits of COMM electives for a total of 36 credits. Any exception to these policies requires department head approval.

All COMM courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

Undergraduate Course Rotation:

Fall

COMM 3110 Communication Theory and Discovery

COMM 3710 Communication and Culture

COMM 3610 Interpersonal Communication

Spring

COMM 3120 Persuasion Theory and Practice

COMM 3510 Organizational Communication

COMM 4998 Communication Internship

Requirements

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
	English Composition - Level 1 ¹	4
	English Composition - Level 2 ¹	3
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication (Communication Core Course)	3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i> ¹		
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		10-11
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)</i> ¹		
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)</i> ¹		
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Science Course or Social/Behavioral Science Course (4 or 3 credits) ¹		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ¹		
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹		
<i>General Education Elective</i> ¹		3-4
Viewing a Wider World ²		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		18
The department requires 21 total credits of Core Courses with the classes listed below and COMM 265G from the General Education requirements		

COMM 3110	Communication Theory and Discovery	
COMM 3120	Persuasion Theory and Practice	
COMM 3510	Organizational Communication	
COMM 3710	Communication and Culture	
COMM 3610	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 4998	Communication Internship	
<i>Departmental Elective Courses</i>		18
Second Language Requirement: (required- see below)		0-8
Electives to bring total credits to 120 ⁶		35-46
Total Credits		120

- ¹ For Information regarding the General Education Course Requirements see the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog.
- ² See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
- ³ Taught face to face in even years and online in odd years
- ⁴ Taught face to face in odd years and online in even years
- ⁵ Always taught online
- ⁶ Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies there is a one year second language requirement, the options to complete this requirement are listed below. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on what level they come in with. Please speak with an advisor for more information as to which courses you will need to take to fulfill the second language requirement for this degree.

Option 1:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:		
FREN 1110 & FREN 1120	French I and French II	4-8
GRMN 1110 & GRMN 1120	German I and German II	4-8
JAPN 1110 & JAPN 1120	Japanese I and Japanese II	4-8
SPAN 1110 & SPAN 1120	Spanish I and Spanish II	4-8
PORT 1110 & PORT 1120	Portuguese I and Portuguese II	3-6
<i>For Heritage Speakers:</i>		
SPAN 1210 & SPAN 1220 or SPAN 2210	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II or Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3-6

Option 2:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete the following sequence for American Sign Language (with a C- or better):		

SIGN 1110 & SIGN 1120	American Sign Language I and American Sign Language II	3-6
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Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge or complete the 1120 level for the following courses:		
FREN 1120	French II	4
or GRMN 1120	German II	
or JAPN 1120	Japanese II	
or SPAN 1120	Spanish II	

OR

Challenge or complete the 1120/1220/2210 level for the following courses:		
PORT 1120	Portuguese II	3
or SPAN 1220	Spanish for Heritage Learners II	
or SPAN 2210	Spanish for Heritage Learners III	
or SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II	

Option 4:

Participate in an experiential learning study abroad course sponsored by NMSU or an approved International Internship that enhances the students' cultural competency through cultural understanding and experience. Please meet with the head of the Department of Communication Studies for information. Students must pass the course with a C- or higher.

Option 5:

Pass (with a C- or higher) any three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 6:

Obtain college certification of completion of two years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 7:

By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 8:

By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 9:

In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

First Year	Credits
Choose one from the following: ¹	4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I

ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
ENGL 1110M	Composition I	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics ¹	3
FYEX 1112	The Freshman Year Experience	3
Area V: Humanities Course ²		3
Choose one from the following: ²		3
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
COMM 3510	Organizational Communication	3
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course ²		3
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course ²		3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ²		4
Credits		32

Second Year	Credits	
COMM 3110	Communication Theory and Discovery	3
COMM 3710	Communication and Culture	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course OR Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course ²		3-4
First Course in Second Language Requirement ³		3-4
Elective Course(s)		9
COMM 3120	Persuasion Theory and Practice	3
Second Course in Second Language Requirement ³		3-4
COMM Elective Course		3
Credits		30-33

Third Year	Credits	
COMM 3610	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM Elective Course(s)		6
VWW-Viewing a Wider World Course(s) ⁴		6
Elective Course(s)		6
COMM 4998	Communication Internship	3
Upper-Division Elective Course(s)		6
Credits		30

Fourth Year	Credits	
COMM Elective Course		3
Upper-Division Elective Course(s)		22
COMM 4998 or Upper-Division Elective Course		3
Credits		28
Total Credits		120-123

¹ These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites. It is the student's responsibility to check and fulfill those requirements.
² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
³ See the requirements section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/online/nmsu-online/communication-disorders-ba-online/#requirementstext>) for a list of ways to complete the second language requirement.
⁴ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

Accelerated Plan of Study

First Year		Credits
Semester 1		
Mini Semester 1		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
FYEX 1112	The Freshman Year Experience	3
Mini Semester 2		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics	3
Area V Humanities		3
Credits		16
Semester 2		
Mini Semester 1		
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	3
COMM 3510	Organizational Communication	3
Mini Semester 2		
Area IV Social and Behavioral Science		3
COMM 3710	Communication and Culture	3
Credits		12
Semester 3		
Mini Semester 1		
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	3
or ARTH 2110G	or History of Art I	
Mini Semester 2		
COMM Elective ¹		3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Semester 1		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM 3110	Communication Theory and Discovery	3
COMM 3710	Communication and Culture	3
or COMM 3610	or Interpersonal Communication	
Mini Semester 2		
Area III		3-4
Second Language Requirement		3-4
Credits		12-14
Semester 2		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM 3120	Persuasion Theory and Practice	3
Elective ²		3
Mini Semester 2		
Second Language Requirement		3-4
Elective ²		3
Credits		12-13
Semester 3		
Mini Semester 1		
Elective ²		3
Mini Semester 2		
Elective ²		3
Credits		6
Third Year		
Semester 1		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM 3610	Interpersonal Communication	3
or COMM 3710	or Communication and Culture	
COMM Elective ¹		3

Mini Semester 2		
VWW ⁴		6
Elective ²		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM Elective ¹		3
COMM 4998	Communication Internship (or Upper Division Elective) ⁵	3
Mini Semester 2		
VWW ⁴		6
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM Elective ¹		3
Mini Semester 2		
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Credits		6
Fourth Year		
Semester 1		
Mini Semester 1		
COMM Elective ¹		3
COMM 4998	Communication Internship (or Upper Division Elective) ⁵	3
Mini Semester 2		
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Credits		12
Semester 2		
Mini Semester 1		
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Mini Semester 2		
COMM Elective ¹		3
Upper Division Elective ³		3
Credits		9
Total Credits		121-124

¹ COMM Electives.

² Electives.

³ Upper Division Electives.

⁴ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

⁵ Students must take COMM 4998 in either their 3rd or 4th year. The other year they should select an Upper Division Elective.