**COMMUNICATION STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS**

In addition to completing the general education requirements of the university and the college, students majoring in communication studies are required to complete 24 credits of core COMM courses and 12 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.

**Requirements**

1. **General Education Requirements**
   
   36

2. **Viewing a Wider World Requirements**
   
   6

3. **Core Courses**
   
   21
   
   - COMM 265G: Principles of Human Communication
   - COMM 285: Survey of Communication Theory
   - COMM 305: Communication Research Methods
   - COMM 351: Persuasion Theory and Practice
   - COMM 370: Organizational Communication
   - COMM 376: Communication and Culture
   - COMM 384: Interpersonal Communication
   - COMM 495: Communication Internship

4. **Departmental Elective Courses**
   
   Select an additional 12 credits from COMM to reach a total of 36 credits.

5. **General Electives to bring total to 120**
   
   42

6. **Second Language Requirement: (required- see below)**
   
   Total Credits: 117

   **For Information regarding the General Education Course Requirements see the General Education Courses section of the catalog.**

   **For information on the Viewing a Wider World Requirements, see the General Education Courses section of the catalog.**

### Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies there is a two year second language requirement, the student must do one of the following:

#### Option 1:

Complete one of the following sequences:

- **CHIN 111**: Elementary Chinese I
  
  & **CHIN 112**: and Elementary Chinese II
  
  & **CHIN 211**: and Intermediate Chinese I
  
  & **CHIN 212**: and Intermediate Chinese II

- **FREN 111**: Elementary French I
  
  & **FREN 112**: and Elementary French II
  
  & **FREN 211**: and Intermediate French I
  
  & **FREN 212**: and Intermediate French II

#### Option 2:

Complete two semesters of American Sign Language (with a C- or better):

- **C D 374**: American Sign Language I
  
  & **C D 375**: American Sign Language II

#### Option 3:

Challenge the 212 level for the following courses:

- **CHIN 212**: Intermediate Chinese II
  
  or **FREN 212**: Intermediate French II

- **GER 212**: Intermediate German II
  
  or **JPNS 212**: Intermediate Japanese II

- **SPAN 212**: Intermediate Spanish II

#### Option 4:

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

#### Option 5:

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

#### Option 6:

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

#### Option 7:

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 8: 
In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam for admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.