

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 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 310 Communication Theory and Discovery

COMM 376 Communication and Culture

COMM 384 Interpersonal Communication

Spring

COMM 351 Persuasion Theory and Practice

COMM 370 Organizational Communication

COMM 495 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: Mathematics¹</i>		
		3-4
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
		10-11
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)¹</i>		
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)¹</i>		
<i>Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Science Course or Social/Behavioral Science Course (4 or 3 credits)¹</i>		
<i>Area V: Humanities¹</i>		
		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts¹</i>		
		3
<i>General Education Elective¹</i>		
		3-4
Viewing a Wider World²		
		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 310	Communication Theory and Discovery ³	
COMM 351	Persuasion Theory and Practice ³	
COMM 370	Organizational Communication ⁴	
COMM 376	Communication and Culture ⁴	
COMM 384	Interpersonal Communication ⁵	
COMM 495	Communication Internship ⁵	
<i>Departmental Elective Courses</i>		18
Second Language Requirement: (required- see below)		0-8
Electives to bring total credits to 120⁶		35-46
Total Credits		120

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For Information regarding the General Education Course Requirements see the General Education (<http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog.

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

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Taught face to face in even years and online in odd years

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Taught face to face in odd years and online in even years

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Always taught online

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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:		
CHIN 1110 & CHIN 1120	Mandarin Chinese I and Mandarin Chinese II	4-8
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	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I	3-6
& SPAN 1220	and Spanish for Heritage Learners II	
or SPAN 2210	Spanish for Heritage Learners III	

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

Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge or complete the 1120 level for the following courses:		
CHIN 1120	Mandarin Chinese II	4
or FREN 1120	French II	
or GRMN 1120	German II	
or JAPN 1120	Japanese II	
or SPAN 1120	Spanish II	
<i>OR</i>		
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 Rhetoric and Composition. 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		
Semester 1		
		Credits
ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110H or ENGL 1110M	Composition I ¹ or Composition I or Composition I	4
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
Credits		16
Semester 2		
ENGL 2130G or ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2215G or ENGL 2221G	Advanced Composition ² or Professional & Technical Communication or Advanced Technical and Professional Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
COMM Elective Course		3
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ²		3
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course ²		3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ²		4
Credits		16
Second Year		
Semester 1		
COMM 310	Communication Theory and Discovery	3
COMM 376 or COMM 384	Communication and Culture or Interpersonal Communication	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course OR Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ²		3-4
First Course in Second Language Requirement ²		3-4
Elective Course		3
Credits		15-17
Semester 2		
COMM 351	Persuasion Theory and Practice	3
Second Course in Second Language Requirement ²		3-4
COMM Elective Course		3
Elective Course		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		15-16
Third Year		
Semester 1		
COMM 384 or COMM 376	Interpersonal Communication or Communication and Culture	3
COMM Elective Course		3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Elective Course		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
COMM 370	Organizational Communication	3
COMM Elective Course		3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Upper-Division Elective Course		3

Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Credits	15
Fourth Year	
Semester 1	
COMM Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Credits	15
Semester 2	
COMM 495 Communication Internship	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	3
Upper-Division Elective Course	1-0
Credits	13-12
Total Credits	120-122

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These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements.

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