

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

2026-27 catalog 4-year degree pathway

College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Arts, Communication

Sample only—your academic advisor will help you create an individualized plan. Students with more than one major should communicate with their advisor prior to enrollment. Upper-division (UD) electives should be selected in consultation with advisor and department faculty members.

Actual courses offered may be in different terms than the quarter listed in this sample plan.

| YEAR 1 | Fall Quarter | Winter Quarter | Spring Quarter |
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| | UNIV 101 Transition to CWU (1) *AWI Option Academic Writing I (5) *QR Option Quantitative Reasoning (5) K3 Option Creative Expression (5) Total Quarter Credits 16 | COM 201 Intro to Mass Comm (5) K1 Option Academic Writing II (5) Elective Explore/minor (5) Total Quarter Credits 15 | COM 207 Intro to Human Comm (5) K2 Option Community, Culture, & Citizenship (5) Elective Explore/minor (4) Total Quarter Credits 14 |
| YEAR 2 | Fall Quarter | Winter Quarter | Spring Quarter |
| | COM 250 Intro to Public Speaking (4) COM 251 Small Group Dynamics (4) K7 Option Physical & Natural World (5) Total Quarter Credits 13 | COM 253 Interpersonal Comm (4) COM 365 Organizational Comm (4) K5 Option Humanities (5) Elective Explore/minor (4) Total Quarter Credits 17 | COM 302* Intercultural Comm (4) *Satisfies K4 Gen Ed APPLIED Rec: COM 362 Conflict and Communication (4) COM K6 Option Individual & Society (5) Elective Explore/minor (4) Total Quarter Credits 17 |
| YEAR 3 | Fall Quarter | Winter Quarter | Spring Quarter |
| | COM 340 Rhetorical Theory (4) Elective Explore/minor (5) Elective Explore/minor (5) Total Quarter Credits 14 | APPLIED Rec: COM 345 Business and Prof Speak (4) COM K8 Option Science & Technology (5) Elective Explore/minor (5) Total Quarter Credits 14 | APPLIED Rec: COM 321 Visual Storytelling (4) COM APPLIED Rec: COM 403 Family Comm (4) COM UD Explore/minor (4) Elective UD Explore/minor (4) Elective Total Quarter Credits 16 |
| YEAR 4 | Fall Quarter | Winter Quarter | Spring Quarter |
| | COM 401 Comm Theory (4) Elective Explore/minor (4) UD Explore/minor (4) Elective UD Explore/minor (4) Elective Total Quarter Credits 16 | COM COM 451 (4) or COM 455 (4) Option Elective Explore/minor (5) UD Elective Explore/minor (5) Total Quarter Credits 14 | COM 485 Senior Seminar (4) COM 489 Portfolio Assessment (1) UD Explore/minor (4) Elective UD Explore/minor (5) Elective Total Quarter Credits 14 |
| Total Credits | | | 180 |

*Assumes appropriate placement. If placement needs are different, your advisor will help you create a suitable first-year Math/Academic Writing sequence to set you up for success.

K1, K2, etc = Knowledge Area (Gen Ed)

LD = Lower Division (100-200 level)

UD = Upper Division (300-400 level)

| COMMUNICATION MAJOR, BA | | | | | | | |
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| Communication Core Requirements: | | | Credits | Prerequisites | Fall 26 | Winter 27 | Spring 27 |
| COM | 201 | Intro to Mass Communication | 5 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| COM | 207 | Intro Human Communication | 5 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Total | | | 10 | | | | |
| Fundamentals of Communication: | | | | | | | |
| COM | 250 | Intro to Public Speaking | 4 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| COM | 251 | Small Group Dynamics | 4 | COM 207 | ✓ | | |
| COM | 253 | Interpersonal Communication | 4 | COM 207 | | ✓ | |
| COM | 302 | Intercultural Communication | 4 | Soph Standing or Above | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| COM | 365 | Organizational Communication | 4 | COM Major | | ✓ | |
| Total | | | 20 | | | | |
| Communication Theory: | | | | | | | |
| COM | 340 | Rhetorical Theory | 4 | | ✓ | | |
| COM | 401 | Communication Theory | 4 | COM Major | ✓ | | |
| Total | | | 8 | | | | |
| Research Methods in Communication: | | | | | | | |
| Select one from: | | | | | | | |
| COM | 451 | Comm Analysis/Research | 4 | COM 401 & COM Major | | ✓ | |
| COM | 455 | Rhetorical Criticism | 4 | COM 340 | | | |
| Total | | | 4 | | | | |
| Applied Communication Contexts: | | | | | | | |
| Select a total of 16 credits from: | | | | | | | |
| COM | 333 | Communication Ethics | 4 | | | | |
| COM | 345 | Bus and Prof Speaking | 4 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| COM | 350 | Persuasion & Culture | 4 | COM Major | | | |
| COM | 362 | Conflict and Communication | 4 | COM Major | | | ✓ |
| COM | 375 | Interv Princ and Techniques | 4 | COM 207 & COM Major | | | |
| COM | 380 | Nonverbal Communication | 4 | | | | |
| COM | 402 | Gender Communication | 4 | COM Major | | | |
| COM | 403 | Family Communication | 4 | | | | ✓ |
| COM | 407 | Identity/Social Justice in COM | 4 | | | | |
| COM | 450 | Advanced Public Speaking | 4 | COM 250 | | | |
| COM | 490 | Cooperative Education | 1-4 | | | | |
| COM | 494 | Teaching Communication | 1-4 | | | | |
| COM | 495 | Directed Research in Comm | 1-4 | COM 201, 207 | | | |
| or choose study-abroad for up to 12 credits | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | 16 | | | | |
| Communication Capstone: | | | | | | | |
| COM | 485 | Senior Seminar | 4 | COM 451 or 455 & COM Major | | | ✓ |
| COM | 489 | Portfolio Assessment | 1 | COM Major & Sr Standing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Total | | | 5 | | | | |
| TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS | | | 63 | | | | |