

120 Credits Total

36-51 Credits in Major

ABOUT THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEGREE:

The BA degree program in Communication Studies provides maximum flexibility in planning for a variety of academic and occupational goals. The curriculum is personalized for each student and specific curricular, extracurricular, and internship programs are planned as integral parts of each student’s program. Courses provide the student diversity or a more focused approach, depending on the student’s needs and goals.

STEP 1:

Prerequisite to Major:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
COM 100*/110		3	

Major Requirements:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
COM 202		3	
COM 221		3	
COM 381		3	
COM 382		3	
COM 383		3	
COM 2____		3	
COM 2____		3	
COM 3____		3	
COM 3____		3	
COM 4____		3	
COM 4____		3	
COM 4____		3	
<i>Students may elect to declare a focus area of a three-course sequence via their major electives in the following areas (do not exceed 51 COM credits)</i>			
Public Communication and Persuasion: COM 208, 208H, 210, 230, 302, 308, 316A, 316B, 334, 335, 405, 411, 415, 416, 435			
Media Studies: COM 243G*, 246, 246H, 271, 307, 340, 341, 342, 346, 372, 414, 417, 440, 441, 442, 445, 446, 447			
Intercultural and Interpersonal: COM 321, 322, 324, 326, 361, 361H, 421, 422			
Organizational and Professional: COM 251, 325, 351, 354 (BUS 317), 402, 450, 461			
Science, Environmental, and Health: COM 315, 320, 455, 460*, 462			

42 credits at the 300-level or higher
(major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

Free elective credits
(to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

COM 100/110 is a prerequisite toward the major and will not count toward the 36 credit minimum or the 51 credit maximum.

COM 477, 491, 492 will not count toward major credit.

*Course approved for general education credit

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.

GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

STEP 2:

General Education Credit Count			
At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code.			
Course	Cr.	Course	Cr.
		Total Gen Ed credits	40

STEP 3:

General Education Outcome Audit	
	Course
KNOWLEDGE	
A1. STEM	
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
COMPETENCIES	
B1. Write effectively	
B2. Communicate effectively	
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or computational strategies	
B4. Information literacy	
RESPONSIBILITIES	
C1. Civic knowledge & responsibilities	
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and Inclusion	
INTEGRATE & APPLY	
D1. Ability to synthesize	
GRAND CHALLENGE	
G. Check that at least one course of your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.

B.A. in Communication Studies

For course titles and pre-requisite information, please visit: uri.edu/catalog

Fall	Spring	Milestones
Year One		
COM 100	Gen Ed	Overall GPA 2.00
Gen Ed	Gen Ed	Complete COM 100
Gen Ed	Gen Ed	Complete 30cr (or consider summer or j-term courses)
Gen Ed	Gen Ed	
Gen Ed	Gen Ed	Move from UC to College of Arts & Sciences (24cr, min GPA 2.00)
URI 101		
(16 cr total)	(15 cr total)	

Year Two		
COM 202	COM 200-level course	Overall GPA 2.00
COM 221	COM 200-level course	Complete required 200-level COM courses
Gen Ed	Elective	
Gen Ed	Elective	Consider minor or second major
Gen Ed	Elective	Complete 60cr (or consider summer or j-term courses)
(15 cr total)	(15 cr total)	

Year Three		
COM 381	COM 383	Overall GPA 2.00
COM 382	COM 300-level course	Complete required 300-level COM courses
COM 300-level course	Elective	
Elective	Elective	Consider study abroad and/or internship
Elective	Elective	
		Meet w/advisor for 300-level cr check
		Complete 90cr (or consider summer or j-term courses)
(15 cr total)	(15 cr total)	

Year Four		
COM 400-level course	Upper-level elective	Overall GPA 2.00
COM 400-level course	Upper-level elective	Complete three 400-level COM courses
COM 400-level course	Upper-level elective	
Upper-level elective	Upper-level elective	Complete 42cr at 300-level or above
Elective	Upper-level elective	Complete Intent to Graduate Form with advisor by Oct 1st
(15 cr total)	(15 cr total)	Complete 120cr

Note: This plan is not intended to be prescriptive. Credits in transfer, as well as summer or j-term coursework, may result in deviations from the above recommendations.