

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA (BA)

The College of Communication offers a variety of courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and Media. The BA in Communication and Media offers students the opportunity to pursue coursework in communication and media that draws upon two or more related areas of study. This degree will provide flexibility for transfer students and others who have not determined their precise career trajectory, while affording them the fundamental communication and critical thinking skills needed to enter jobs across the public, private and non-profit sectors, or to continue their education in academic or professional post-graduate programs. In order to complete this degree, students have the option of pursuing coursework from any of the other majors offered in the College of Communication.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
College Core Requirements	16
Liberal Studies Requirements	84
Major Requirements	40
Open Electives	52
Total hours required	192

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of relevant conceptual and theoretical vocabulary as it relates to human communication.
- Produce communicative messages orally, through mediated forms, or in writing to solve problems, explore industrial or cultural issues, or express a personal or creative viewpoint.
- Critically analyze mediated communication through varying formal, theoretical, methodological, or ideological lenses.

College Core Requirements (p.) Modern Language Requirement (p. 1) Language for Liberal Studies Option (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-program-guidelines/language-for-liberal-studies-option/>)

All majors in the College of Communication consist of a four-course common core plus an additional combination of program requirements and electives.

College Core Requirements

Four core courses are required of all College of Communication students:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CMN 101	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION	4

CMN 102	INTRODUCTION TO MASS COMMUNICATION	4
CMN 103	INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE	4
CMN 104	PUBLIC SPEAKING	4

Students are encouraged to complete all four prior to taking additional coursework in the major.

Modern Language Requirement

Students who intend to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Communication will be required to demonstrate a measure of competence in a modern language, as defined by the college. Such competence may be demonstrated in one of several ways:

- completing the last course in a second year high school course work in a modern language or Latin
- completing the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language
- completing a college course beyond the first-year level in any language
- achieving a satisfactory score on any of the Modern Language placement examinations administered at DePaul
- achieving a satisfactory rating in a proficiency examination accepted by DePaul
- achieving a score of 3 or higher on the Advance Placement (AP) test for any language (must be completed during high school)
- achieving a score of 5 or higher in the Language B assessment from a Standard or Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- achieving a satisfactory score on the CLEP examination.

Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Modern Language Requirement. Students with some modern language training should consult with the Modern Language Department about the course with which they should begin. Students with little or no previous work in the language will be required to complete the entire three-course introductory sequence.

Language For Liberal Studies Option (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-program-guidelines/language-for-liberal-studies-option/>)

The Language for Liberal Studies Option is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level necessary to meet the College's modern language requirement. Students selecting the option may substitute a three-course language sequence for three learning domain courses, or two upper-level courses in the same language for two learning domain requirements. Language for Liberal Studies waivers cannot be applied to courses in the Math and Computing Domain or courses in the Scientific Inquiry domain. Modern Language courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Language for Liberal Studies Option.

Any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

First Year Program		Hours
Chicago Quarter		
LSP 110 or LSP 111	DISCOVER CHICAGO or EXPLORE CHICAGO	4
Focal Point		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4
Writing		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I ¹	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II ¹	4
Quantitative Reasoning		
MAT 120	QUANTITATIVE REASONING ²	4
Sophomore Year		
Race, Power, and Resistance		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON RACE, POWER, AND RESISTANCE	4
Junior Year		
Experiential Learning		
Required		4
Senior Year		
Capstone		
CMN 396	CAPSTONE IN COMMUNICATION ¹	4

¹ Students must earn a C- or better in this course.

² Readiness for MAT 120 is determined by the math placement test taken online after admission. Students may need to take developmental coursework prior to MAT 120. Students who complete MAT 120 and both a Computational Reasoning course and a Statistical Reasoning course in the Math and Computing Learning Domain take one less Learning Domain course. Students may not apply the course reduction to any Domain where only one course is required, and cannot be applied to the Scientific Inquiry Learning Domain. The MAT 120 requirement may be waived by passing a dedicated proficiency exam or it may be fulfilled by credit for advanced math coursework earned in-residence at DePaul (MAT 135, MAT 136, MAT 147, MAT 148, MAT 149, MAT 150, MAT 151, MAT 152, MAT 155, MAT 156, or equivalent) or earned externally either as transfer credit from another college/university or as test credit through AP, CLEP, IB, or International A and A/S Level exams. Calculus course(s) may be used to fulfill any of the three QR/MCD requirements.

Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Math and Computing (MC) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/math-and-computing/>)

- 2 Courses Required
[1 CR Course and 1 SR Course]

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required
[1 Lab Course and 1 SWK Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Note

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a major requirement or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements

Course Requirements

One presentation skills course from the following selection of classes:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CMNS 201	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION	4
CMNS 230	PERFORMANCE: COMMUNICATION, CREATIVITY AND THE BODY	4
CMNS 330	TOPICS IN PERFORMANCE	4
CMNS 336	STORYTELLING: COMMUNICATION AS NARRATIVE	4
CMNS 339	PERFORMANCE OF GENDER & SEXUALITY	4
CMNS 354	EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWING	4
CMNS 364	PERFORMING MY FUTURE	4
CMNS 365	ARGUMENTATION, ADVOCACY, AND DELIBERATION	4
CMNS 367	PERFORMANCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE	4
CMNS 369	PERFORMANCE OF HUMOR	4
CMNS 371	PERFORMANCE OF RITUAL	4

One media analysis course from the following selection of classes:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
MPOP 231	INTRODUCTION TO DOCUMENTARY STUDIES	4
MPOP 271	MEDIA AND CULTURAL STUDIES	4
MPOP 273	STORYTELLING & STYLE IN CINEMA	4

Two elective courses (8 hours) from CMNS²

Two elective courses (8 hours) from JOUR, MPOP, PRAD and/or SPRTCMN²

Four courses (16 hours) from CMN, CMNS, JOUR, MPOP, PRAD, SPRTCMN and/or the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) courses listed below (maximum 2 CDM courses)^{1, 2}:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
DOC 224	DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION I	
DOC 324	DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION II	
FILM 110	CINEMA PRODUCTION I FOR MAJORS	
FILM 150	CINEMATOGRAPHY I (FORMERLY FILM 250)	
FILM 210	CINEMA PRODUCTION II	
FILM 245	MEDIA LITERACIES	
POST 110	EDITING I	
POST 124	SOUND DESIGN I	
SCWR 100	INTRODUCTION TO SCREENWRITING	
SCWR 250	DEVELOPING THE TELEVISION SERIES	
SCWR 302	WRITING THE FEATURE SCREENPLAY	

¹ Students may take up to 4 hours of credit in CMN 397 RESEARCH PRACTICUM and CMN 399 INDEPENDENT STUDY toward graduation requirements.

² A maximum of 8 credits from two credit College of Communication courses can be applied to major requirements.

Internship Credit

Students in the major may take CMN 394 and/or CMN 395 (when work relates to the major). In order to take CMN 394 or CMN 395, students must have completed two of the four communication core classes (CMN 101, CMN 102, CMN 103, CMN 104), two courses in the chosen major and have fulfilled internship program eligibility requirements.

Open Electives

Open elective credit also is required to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours.