

COMMUNICATION STUDIES (BA)

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:

- Articulate the importance of communication in public, professional, and personal contexts.
- Explain cultural similarities and differences across communication contexts.
- Critically analyze messages employing relevant communication theories, ethics, principles, and research.
- Create messages that are effective and appropriate for the audience, purpose, and context.

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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	DISCOVER CHICAGO	4
or LSP 111	or EXPLORE CHICAGO	
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 153, MAT 154, MAT 155, MAT 156, MAT 157, MAT 158, MAT 159, MAT 160, MAT 161, MAT 162, MAT 163, MAT 164, MAT 165, MAT 166, MAT 167, MAT 168, MAT 169, MAT 170, MAT 171, MAT 172, MAT 173, MAT 174, MAT 175, MAT 176, MAT 177, MAT 178, MAT 179, MAT 180, MAT 181, MAT 182, MAT 183, MAT 184, MAT 185, MAT 186, MAT 187, MAT 188, MAT 189, MAT 190, MAT 191, MAT 192, MAT 193, MAT 194, MAT 195, MAT 196, MAT 197, MAT 198, MAT 199, MAT 200) 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

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Communication Methods		
Select one of the following:		4
CMNS 282	STATISTICS IN HUMAN COMMUNICATION	
CMNS 291	RESEARCH METHODS	
CMNS 301/ MPOP 373	AUDIO DOCUMENTARY	
CMNS 327	RESEARCHING RELATIONSHIPS	
CMNS 331	COMMUNICATION FIELDWORK	
CMNS 333	CULTURES IN CONVERSATION	
CMNS 346	SOCIAL MEDIA RESEARCH METHODS	
CMNS 362/ JOUR 316	SOUND AND VISION	
	or MPOP 316 SOUND AND VISION	
CMNS 382	APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES	
Presentation Skills		
Select one of the following:		4
CMNS 201	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION	
CMNS 230	PERFORMANCE: COMMUNICATION, CREATIVITY AND THE BODY	
CMNS 330	TOPICS IN PERFORMANCE	
CMNS 336	STORYTELLING: COMMUNICATION AS NARRATIVE	
CMNS 339	PERFORMANCE OF GENDER & SEXUALITY	
CMNS 354	EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWING	

CMNS 365	ARGUMENTATION, ADVOCACY, AND DELIBERATION
CMNS 364	PERFORMING MY FUTURE
CMNS 367	PERFORMANCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
CMNS 369	PERFORMANCE OF HUMOR
CMNS 371	PERFORMANCE OF RITUAL
Communication Studies Electives	
Select five of the following: 20	
CMN 150	SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 292	ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD WORKSHOP (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 295	ADOBE INDESIGN (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 296	ADOBE AUDITION (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 297	ADOBE PREMIERE VIDEO EDITING (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 394	MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNICATION INTERNSHIP
CMN 395	COMMUNICATION INTERNSHIP SPECIAL TOPICS
CMN 397	RESEARCH PRACTICUM ¹
CMN 399	INDEPENDENT STUDY ¹
CMNS 201	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 205	COMMUNICATION, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
CMNS 211	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 212	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN TEAMS AND SMALL GROUPS
CMNS 221	HOW LANGUAGE WORKS: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS
CMNS 230	PERFORMANCE: COMMUNICATION, CREATIVITY AND THE BODY
CMNS 251	ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 280	INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL MEDIA SKILLS
CMNS 282	STATISTICS IN HUMAN COMMUNICATION
CMNS 290	COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP (VARIABLE TOPICS) (2.0 quarter hours)
CMNS 291	RESEARCH METHODS
CMNS 300	MUSIC INDUSTRIES AND CULTURE
CMNS 301	AUDIO DOCUMENTARY
CMNS 303	TOPICS IN ORGANIZATIONAL AND GROUP COMMUNICATION
CMNS 307	TOPICS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CMNS 308	TOPICS IN INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 309	INTERNATIONAL/GLOBAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 311	TOPICS IN RELATIONAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 312	EVOLUTION AND COMMUNICATION
CMNS 313	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 314	FAMILY COMMUNICATION
CMNS 315	HEALTH COMMUNICATION
CMNS 316	COMMUNICATION AND DECISION-MAKING IN GROUPS AND TEAMS

CMNS 318	CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS
CMNS 319	THE DARK SIDE OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
CMNS 320	DECEPTIVE COMMUNICATION
CMNS 323	SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
CMNS 324	CULTURE OF CONSUMPTION
CMNS 325	PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY
CMNS 326	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND RHETORIC
CMNS 327	RESEARCHING RELATIONSHIPS
CMNS 329	PERSUASION
CMNS 330	TOPICS IN PERFORMANCE
CMNS 331	COMMUNICATION FIELDWORK
CMNS 333	CULTURES IN CONVERSATION
CMNS 334	URBAN COMMUNICATION
CMNS 335	LATINX COMMUNICATION, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING
CMNS 336	STORYTELLING: COMMUNICATION AS NARRATIVE
CMNS 339	PERFORMANCE OF GENDER & SEXUALITY
CMNS 340	COMMUNICATING & DATING
CMNS 341	COMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN A DIGITAL AGE
CMNS 342	LIVING ONLINE
CMNS 343	WORK/FAMILY COMMUNICATION
CMNS 344	MINDFULNESS
CMNS 345	THE DARK WEB
CMNS 346	SOCIAL MEDIA RESEARCH METHODS
CMNS 348	COMMUNICATING HEALTH, RACE AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
CMNS 349	DIGITAL MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
CMNS 350	TOPICS IN COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY
CMNS 351	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN HUMAN RESOURCES
CMNS 352	COMMUNICATION AND THE CORPORATE CULTURE
CMNS 353	COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE
CMNS 354	EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWING
CMNS 355	CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
CMNS 356	COMMUNICATION CONSULTING
CMNS 357	DARK SIDE OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION
CMNS 358	DIVERSITY, LEADERSHIP, & TEAM BUILDING
CMNS 359	THE FUTURE OF REMOTE AND VIRTUAL TEAMS
CMNS 360	RELATIONAL, GROUP, AND ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY
CMNS 361	GENDER AND COMMUNICATION
CMNS 362	SOUND AND VISION
CMNS 363	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATION
CMNS 364	PERFORMING MY FUTURE

CMNS 365	ARGUMENTATION, ADVOCACY, AND DELIBERATION
CMNS 366	COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY
CMNS 367	PERFORMANCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
CMNS 369	PERFORMANCE OF HUMOR
CMNS 371	PERFORMANCE OF RITUAL
CMNS 373	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION, POWER, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
CMNS 382	APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CMNS 393	COMMUNICATION STUDIES PRACTICUM (2.0 quarter hours)

Electives

Select three electives (12 credits) from any College of Communication offering 12

¹ Students may take up to 4 hours of credit in this course toward graduation requirements.

² A maximum of 8 credits from two credit College of Communication courses may 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.