

# SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: COMMUNICATION STUDIES B.A.

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College of Informatics

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Communication Studies

<b>FIRST YEAR</b> Focus on completing your general education requirements.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CMST 101 Public Speaking or CMST 110 Introduction to Communication Studies	3	ENG 101 College Writing	3
	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics; STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods (recommended)	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Science with lab	4
	Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints	3	Professional skills for major	3
	UNV 101 Orientation to College and Beyond	3	Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b> Select a minor and start taking courses in your major and minor.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CMST 220 Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 230 Small Group Communication	3
	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences	3	ENG 291 Advanced College Writing	3
	Gen Ed: Self and Society	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Minor	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>THIRD YEAR</b> Consider taking a study abroad course in a communication-related area.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CMST 300 Research Methods in	3	CMST 303 Organizational Communication	3
	Professional skills for major	3	CMST 310 Argumentation or CMST 340 Strategies of Persuasion or CMST 410 Rhetorical Theories	3
	CMST, EMB, JOU, MIN, POP, PRE, or 500-level COM elective for major	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b> Complete an internship.  Start looking for a job.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CMST 200-400 level elective	3	CMST 370 Advanced Public Speaking	3
	CMST 355 Culture and Communication	3	CMST 430 Communication Theories	3

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	CMST 200-400 elective	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS</b>				<b>120</b>

*Notes: All majors in the Department of Communication are required to take CMST 101 or CMST 110 to fulfill the general education oral communication requirement.*

*Communication studies majors are strongly encouraged to take STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods to fulfill the general education mathematics requirement.*

*The plan above does not take into account developmental coursework that may be required of the student. Therefore, additional courses may be required.*

*Communication studies majors are strongly encouraged to complete CMST 396 Internship: Communication as one of the electives for the major.*

*Minor hours: Students should consult with their advisor in determining appropriate courses to select toward completion of: 1) a university-authorized minor, 2) an advisor approved focus, or 3) a second major.*