

Freshman Communication Majors

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The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication

Total units for the BA degree: 180
Total units for the Communication major: 76

BA Degree Unit Breakdown

Lower Division G.E.	60
ENGL 102	4
Upper Division G.E. (Theme)	12
A&L/UNIV 101	4
COMM Major	76
Free Electives (or minor)	24
Total	180

Major Unit breakdown

COMM core requirements	52
Option requirements	24
Total	76

Major Core Requirements (52 units):

All COMM majors take a common core of 52 units, which provides class content across a broad spectrum of communication contexts.

Lower Division Required Courses (8 units):

COMM 130 Intro to Human Communication
COMM 176 Argumentation

Lower Division Electives (8 units):

Select at least two of the following courses:
COMM 267 Intro to Oral Interpretation
COMM 268 Group Performance (2,2 units)
COMM 275 Interpersonal Communication
COMM 276 Argumentation and Reasoned Advocacy
COMM 277 Forensics (2,2 units)
COMM 278 Problem Solving in Group Comm
COMM 290 Mediated Communication

Upper Division Required Courses (36 units):

COMM 300 Applied Writing in Comm Studies
COMM 330 Organizational Studies
COMM 367 Performance Studies
COMM 380 Intro to Rhetorical Studies
COMM 450 Communication Theory
COMM 477 Qualitative Methods in Comm
COMM 487 Prosem: Research (Quantitative)
COMM 489 Intercultural Communication
+ *Capstone Experience*
COMM 498 Research Project in Communication

The major is available in **four options**

Options (24 units):

Select one of the following four options. Each includes 3 required and 3 upper division elective courses. With advisor approval, you may take up to 8 units from outside the department to substitute for these U.D. ELECTIVES.

A. Option in Communication for Social Change and Rhetoric

Required Core (12 units)

COMM 470 Theories of Rhetoric
COMM 485 Rhetorical Criticism
AND
COMM 474 National/Internat'l Public Discourse **OR**
COMM 482 Rhet Theory: Contempry Developments
Electives (12 units)
Select three UPPER DIVISION COMM courses not included in the major core.

B. Option in Performance Studies

Required Core (12 units)

COMM/TAD 467 Theories/Methods of Performance
COMM/TAD 468 Performance and Social Change
AND
COMM 486 Comm and Cultural Studies **OR**
COMM 490 Studies in Children's Speech Arts
Electives (12 units)
Select three UPPER DIVISION COMM courses not included in the major core.

C. Option in Organizational Communication and Public Relations

Required Core (12 units)

COMM 430 Dynamics of Organizational Comm
COMM 495 Principles/Practices of Public Relations
AND
COMM 435 Communication and Leadership **OR**
COMM 497 Managing Problems in PR
Electives (12 units)
Select three UPPER DIVISION COMM courses not included in the major core.

D. Option in Interpersonal Communication/ Language and Social Interaction

Required Core (12 units)

COMM 440 Relational Communication
 COMM 463 Language and Communication Behavior
AND

COMM 462 Nonverbal Communication *OR*
 COMM 479 Sex Roles in Communication

Electives (12 units)

Select three UPPER DIVISION COMM courses not included in the major core.

Freshmen should focus on completing General Education courses, which include, as part of GE, COMM 150 and COMM 176. While completing GE, freshmen may choose other Communication major courses, beginning with COMM 130 and moving upward through elective choices from COMM 267, 276, 277, 278, and 290.

NOTE from the COMM Advisers:**SUGGESTED FIRST YEAR PROGRAM for COMMUNICATION MAJORS:**

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
ENGL 101* MATH 100, 102 or 109* Choice from Block C1 AL 101 TOTAL = 16 units	ENGL 102 COMM 150 ¹ Choice from Block C2 TOTAL = 12 units	COMM 176 ² (A3) HIST 202A or 202B Choice from Block B1 UNIV 400 (WPE) TOTAL = 12 units	Choice from D1 LD COMM elective Other GE choice or free elective TOTAL = 12 units

*Remedial Math and/or English courses may be required depending on the entering student's score on standard placement test (ELM and EPT).

¹**COMM 150 Oral Communication:** Introduction to effective oral communication through study and experience in analysis, synthesis, and presentation of informative and persuasive discourse in a public speaking forum.

²**COMM 176 Argumentation:** Principles of argumentation: reasoned discourse, methods of logical analysis and reflective thinking, practical application through adaptation of materials to audience situations, argumentative speech, kinds and forms of debate about current issues.

Course descriptions for other COMM courses may be viewed at
<http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/comstud/courses.htm>

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