



Communication Studies

BS or BA

Minimum Departmental Requirements

Communication Studies Major	38
Organizational Communication Minor	15
Speech Communication Teaching Minor	29

Grade Point Average to Declare a Pre- Major or Minor **3.2 Career/Overall GPA**

Overall Grade Point Average to Graduate	2.0 GPA
GPA to Graduate in Major/Minor Classes	2.5 GPA

A minimum of 50 percent of major or minor credits must be earned at USU 50 Percent

No more than 9 credits hours of the Communication Studies major can overlap with an additional declared major.

All CMST majors are required to have either a minor or a double major.

Communication Studies Major (38 credits)

A. Communication Core (6 credits)

These courses are designed to be taken early on in your program.

- CMST 1020 - Public Speaking (BHU) 3
- CMST 2110 - Interpersonal Communication (BHU/HR) 3

B. Thematic Area Courses (21 credits)

Students must take at least 9 credit hours from 1 of the three thematic areas and a minimum of 6 credit hours from the other two thematic areas:

1. Organization (6-9 credits)

- CMST 2120 - Small Group Communication (HR) 3
- CMST 3050 - Technical and Prof. Communication (DSS) 3
- CMST 3250 - Organizational Communication (CI) 3
- CMST 3600 - Communication and Conflict 3
- CMST 4140 - Communication in a Family Context 3
- CMST 5500 - Communication and Leadership 3
- CMST 5600 - Advanced Conflict and Communication 3

2. Society (6-9 credits)

- CMST 3160 - Gender Research in Communication Studies 3
- CMST 3270 - Culture and Public Discourse 3
- CMST 3330 - Intercultural Communication (DSS) 3
- CMST 3730 - Globalization and Discourse 3
- CMST 4330 - Adv. Perspectives in Global Communication 3

- CMST 4350 - Organizations and Social Change 3
- CMST 5250 - Comm, Social Justice & the Environment 3
- CMST 5280 - Communication Education Theory 3

3. Influence (6-9 credits)

- CMST 2270 - Argumentation and Debate 3
- CMST 3400 - Persuasion (CI) 3
- CMST 4200 - Language, Thought, and Action (DSS) 3
- CMST 4430 - Negotiation in a Global World 3
- CMST 4700 - Health Communication (CI) 3
- CMST 5300 - Visual Rhetoric 3
- CMST 5400 - Advanced Persuasion 3

C. Study of Communication Courses (6 credits)

Students must take at least one of the following three courses. Students should have **completed at least 9 credit hours before** enrolling in any of the following courses.

1. Research (3 credits)

- CMST 3460 - Communication Criticism (CI) 3
- CMST 3470 - Qualitative Research in Communication St. 3
- CMST 3570 - Quantitative CMST Research Methods (QI) 3

Students must take at least one of the following advanced courses. The advanced course taken to fulfill this requirement may *not* count toward the thematic area requirements.

2. Advanced Study (3 credits)

- CMST 4330 - Adv. Perspectives in Global Communication 3
- CMST 5100 - Theories of Speech Communication (CI) 3
- CMST 5110 - Advanced Interpersonal Communication 3
- CMST 5400 - Advanced Persuasion 3
- CMST 5500 - Communication and Leadership 3
- CMST 5600 - Advanced Conflict and Communication 3

D. Senior Year Capstone Course (2 credits)

This course must be taken during the student's senior year -- preferably final semester.

- CMST 5800 - Senior Capstone (CI) 2

E. Elective Courses (3 credits)

Any extra course in section B or C may serve as an elective. In addition, courses below may also be an elective:

- CMST 1330 - Intro to Global Communication (BSS) 3
- CMST 2250 - Introductory Internship/Co-op 1-6¹
- CMST 3000 - Speech Communication Teaching Practicum 1 (repeatable)
- CMST 4250 - Advanced Internship/Co-op 1-6¹
- CMST 5000 - Studies in Speech Communication 1-5 (repeatable) (3 credits required)
- LING 3100 - Language in Context 3

¹ Internship project & credit numbers must be approved by a faculty advisor

Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree signifies proficiency in one or more foreign languages. Specifically, the BA requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language by successful completion of one course at the 2020-level or higher (or its equivalent).

Or

Demonstration of proficiency in American Sign Language by successful completion of COMD 4920 and COMD 4780, and by passing an ASL Proficiency exam and an interview.

Or

Demonstration of proficiency in two foreign languages by successful completion of the 1020 course level in one language **and** the 2010 course level in the second language (or its equivalent).

Or

Completion of an upper-division (3000-level or higher) foreign language grammar or literature course requiring the 2020 course level (or its equivalent) as a prerequisite. Conversation courses cannot be considered for satisfying this requirement.

For nonnative English-speaking students only, the following options are available: Successful completion of the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) program for international students.

Or

TOEFL, Michigan, or IELI placement scores high enough to meet the University admission criteria

Applying for Communication Studies Major

Students majoring in Communication Studies are encouraged to earn a BA degree by completing two years of study in a foreign language. This broadens cultural and social awareness and can increase one's understanding of the nature of language in general.

Admission to the Communication Studies major will be limited to 70 students each year. Admission decisions will be based on (1) satisfactory speaking and writing competencies, (2) academic record, (3) ability of this program to prepare the student for intended career, (4) realistic career or professional study objective, and (5) motivation and creativity demonstrated by class performance, work experience, volunteer activities, and other means offered by the student during the application process.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies

University Requirement Information as a Communication Studies major:

- Students must complete the General Education Requirements .
- CMST 1020 or CMST 2110 will fulfill the Breadth Humanities (BHU) requirement.
- CMST 1330 or LING 2100 will fulfill the Breadth Social Science (BSS) requirement.
- Students must also complete the University Studies Depth Requirements:
 - CMST 3250, 3400, 3460, 5700, 5100 or 5800 will fulfill the Communications Intensive (CI) requirement.
 - CMST 4570 will fulfill the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement.
- Complete at least 2 credits in approved 3000-level or above courses from each of the following two categories: Life and Physical Sciences (DSC) and Social Sciences (DSS). A CMST DSS course will **not** satisfy this requirement

Minimum University Requirements

Total Credits	120
Grade Point Average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU Credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits)	30
Completion of approved major program of study	See college advisor
Credits in minor (if required)	15 -19
Credits in American Institutions (ECN 1500 ;HIST 1700 , HIST 2700 or HIST 2710 ; HONR 1300 ; POLS 1100 ; or USU 1300	3

General Education Requirements and University Studies Depth Requirements

UNIVERSITY GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAJOR/MINOR REQUIREMENTS

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