

Recommended Academic Plan for Communication and Media Studies (COMBA at Penn State Behrend) effective 2004 (see advising notes)

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	General Education Selection*(See program notes)	3
ENGL 015 (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition or ENGL 030 (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	General Education Selection*(See program notes)	3
General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3	General Education Selection**	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3	Bachelor of Arts Other Cultures Course	3
COMM 100 (GS) The Mass Media and Society or CAS 101 (GS) Introduction to Human Communication	3	Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5
Foreign Language (Level One)#	4	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
Total Credits:	17	Total Credits:	17.5
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech	3	CMPS 203 (GQ)** Intro. to Spreadsheets and Databases	4
General Education Selection*	3	CAS 202 (GS) Introduction to Communication Theory	3
General Education Selection**	3	General Education Selection**	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3	BA Knowledge Domain	3
COMM 001 Newspaper Practicum or COMM 160 Basic News Writing Skills	1	COMM 001 Newspaper Practicum or COMM 002 Newspaper Editorial Staff	1-2
Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4		
Total Credits:	17	Total Credits:	17-18
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
ENGL 202 A, B, or D (GWS) Effective Writing:	3	CAS 204 Communication Research Methods	3
COMM 283W Intro. to Audio-Video Communications	3	COMM 315 Applications for Media Writing	3
CAS 212 Professional Public Speaking or CAS 352 Organizational Communication	3	COMM 260W News Writing and Reporting, COMM 421W Advertising Creative Strategies, or COMM 460W Reporting Methods	3
COMM 410 (US;IL) International Mass Communications	3	CAS 471 (US;IL) Intercultural Communication Theory and Research <i>unless</i> COMM 410 completed	3
CAS or COMM Supporting Course	3	COMM or CAS 400-level	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5		
Total Credits:	16.5	Total Credits:	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
CAS or COMM Supporting Course	3	BA Knowledge Domain	3
Elective	3	General Education Selection*	3
COMM or CAS 400-level	3	COMM or CAS Elective	3
COMM or CAS 400-level	3	COMM 494 Research Project Courses or COMM 495 Internship	3
General Education Selection*	3		
Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	12

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to college.
- **Bold** type indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- **Bold Italics** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better and that satisfy both major and General Education requirements.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- *Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major.
- **Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- W is the code used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

Scheduling patterns for courses not taught each semester:

Program Notes: a. GH Selections: CAS 175 Persuasion and Propaganda, CAS 201 Rhetorical Theory, or PHIL 123 Intro to Ethics in Media and Journalism
b. GA Selections: COMM 150 Cinema Art, PHOTO 100 Introduction to Photography, or ART 010 Introduction to Visual Studies

Academic Advising Notes: Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.

Curricular changes to this program are currently under consideration.

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