

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA INDUSTRIES, B.A.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

## Degree Requirements

**For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications and Media Industries, a minimum of 120 credits is required:**

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	20
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	34-35

**3-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 0-3 credits of GS courses or 0-4 credits of GQ courses.**

**3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if world language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.**

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
COMM 160	Basic News Writing Skills	1
COMM 180	Survey of Electronic Media and Telecommunications	3
COMM 280	Introduction to Telecommunications Technologies	3
COMM 380	Telecommunications Management	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3-4 credits from the following:		3-4
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	
ECON 14	Principles of Economics	
SCM 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business	
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	
Select 3 credits of capstone from the following:		3
COMM 486W	Telecommunications Ethics	
COMM 487W	Advanced Telecommunications Management and Leadership	
COMM 489W	Advanced Telecommunications Topics	
Select 3 credits in law courses from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
COMM 403	Law of Mass Communications	

COMM 403H	Law of Mass Communications
COMM 404	Telecommunications Law
COMM 492	Internet Law and Policy
Select 12 credits from the following: <sup>1</sup>	12
COMM 170	Introduction to the Sports Industry
COMM 190/ GAME 140	Gaming and Interactive Media
COMM 282	Television Field Production
COMM 283	Television Studio Production
COMM/IST 310	Digital Media Metrics
COMM 374	Audio Production
COMM 383	Advanced Video Production
COMM 384	Telecommunications Promotion and Sales
COMM 385	Media Programming Strategies
COMM 386	Telecommunications History
COMM 388	Production Management
COMM 479	Telecommunication Economics
COMM 482	Brand Storytelling
COMM 483	Wireless Communications Industry
COMM 484	Emerging Telecommunications Technologies
COMM 484A	Wireless Devices and Global Markets
COMM 491	
COMM 491A	International Telecommunications - Travel
COMM 493	Entrepreneurship in the Information Age
COMM 495	Internship (3 credits)

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 3 credits in social aspects of communication from the following:		3
COMM 110	Media and Democracy	
COMM 118	Introduction to Media Effects	
COMM/ WMNST 205	Gender, Diversity and the Media	
COMM 304	Mass Communication Research	
COMM 305	Introduction to Critical Studies of Media	
COMM 405	Political Economy of Communications	
COMM 409	News Media Ethics	
COMM 410	International Mass Communications	
COMM 412	Sports, Media and Society	
COMM 413W	The Mass Media and the Public	
COMM 417	Ethics and Regulation in Advertising and Public Relations	
COMM 418	Media Effects: Theory and Research	
COMM 419	World Media Systems	
COMM 419H	World Media Systems	
COMM 496	Independent Studies (1-3 credits)	

<sup>1</sup> Law courses beyond the required 3 credits can count against the 12 credits of additional courses.

Students must take at least 9 credits of 400-level courses from the additional or supporting course lists.

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

### Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

### Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## B.A. Degree Requirements

**World Language** (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one world language in addition to English. This proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the Placement Policy for Penn State World Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

**B.A. Fields** (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, World Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; world language credits in this category must be in a second world language in addition to English or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language). Credits must be selected from the list of approved courses.

**World Cultures** (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the University Cultural Diversity (US/IL) requirement.