

COMMUNICATIONS, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Brandywine, New Kensington

Suggested Academic Plan

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Brandywine Campus

Corporate Communication Option: Communications, B.A. at Brandywine Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 100N**†	3 COMM 160*	1
ENGL 15 or 30H‡	3 CAS 100A*†	3
PSYCH 100 (or Social and Behavioral Sciences)**†	3 AMST 105 (or General Education Course)**†	3
World Language - Elementary	6 World Language - Intermediate	6
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
18		17.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 270*	3 CAS 252*	3
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 COMM 282 or 292 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course)*	3
COMM 260W*	3 COMM 1	1
CAS 301**†	3 PHIL 103 (or General Education Course)**†	3
STAT 200 (or General Education Course (GQ))**†	3-4 ENGL 202 (A or B recommended)	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
15-16		14.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MKTG 301W*	3 COMM 471 or 292 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course)*	3
COMM 370*	3 BA Other Cultures	3
COMM 2*	2 General Education Course	3
COMM 205 or ENGL 420 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course)*	3 CAS 204*	3
General Education Course	3 COMM 409 or 292 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course)*	3
14		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 494*	3 COMM 495*	3-6
CAS 404 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course)*	3 Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course (if needed) or General Education Course or Free Elective*	3
General Education Course	3 BA Requirement	3
BA Requirement	3 BA Requirement	3
ECON 102 or 104 (or Any Social or Behavioral Science (GS))**†	3 Free Elective	3
CNED 280	1	
16		15-18

Total Credits 125-129

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
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- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ **MATH 21** or higher or satisfactory score on the mathematics placement examination is a prerequisite for MKTG 301, a course required for the major and in the Academic Plan in a later semester.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

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New Kensington Campus

Digital Journalism Option: Communications, B.A. at New Kensington Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 100N*	3 COMM 160*	1
ENGL 15 or 30H*	3 CAS 100A‡	3
PSYCH 100 (or General Education Course)*†	3 General Education Course	3
World Language level 1	4 World Language Course level 2	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
	16	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 270*	3 COMM 282 or 292 (or Journalism Option Additional Major Course)*	3
World Language level 3	4 COMM 1*	1
General Education Course	3 STAT 200 (or General Education (GQ))‡	4
COMM 260W*	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D	3
CAS 303*†	3 BA Other Cultures	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16	15.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 420 (or Journalism Option Additional Major Course)*	3 COMM 409*	3
COMM 403*	3 COMM 470A*	3
COMM 2*	2 CAS 204*	3
COMM 205 (or Journalism Option Additional Majors Course)*	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 COMM 460W	3
	14	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 494*	3 COMM 495	3
General Education Course	3 Journalism Option Additional Major Course or General Education Course or Free Elective	3
CC 406*	3 BA Requirement	3

BA Requirement	3 BA Requirement	3
General Education Course	3 Free Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 120.5

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ENGL 15 or 30H [‡]	3	CAS 100A ^{**†}	3
PSYCH 100 (or Social and Behavioral Sciences) ^{**†}	3	World Language level 2	4
World Language level 1	4	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
		General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
	16		15.5

Second Year

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COMM 270 [*]	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D	3
World Language level 3	4	COMM 282 or 292 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course) [*]	3
General Education Course	3	COMM 1	1
COMM 260W [*]	3	STAT 200 (or General Education Course (GQ)) ^{‡†}	4
CAS 303 ^{**†}	3	ECON 102 ^{**†}	3
		CC 200	3
	16		17

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 2 [*]	2	CAS 252 [*]	3
COMM 403 [*]	3	COMM 471 [*]	3
COMM 370 [*]	3	Corporate Communications Option Additional Majors Course [*]	3
General Education Course	3	BA Other Cultures	3
General Education Course (GHW) [*]	3	CAS 204 [*]	3
	14		15

Fourth Year

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COMM 494 [*]	3	COMM 495 [*]	3
COMM 205 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Majors Course) [*]	3	Corporate Communications Option Additional Majors Course (if needed) or General Education Course or Free Elective [*]	3
CC 406	3	BA Requirement	3

General Education Course	3	BA Requirement	3
BA Requirement	3	Free Elective	3
General Education Course	3		
	18		15

Total Credits 126.5

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