

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES (BA)

## Program Description

The Communication Studies major provides you opportunities to develop communication skills, explore values, and acquire techniques of insight and critical reasoning. Emphasis is placed on person-to-person contact in both private and public settings. You will expand your verbal and nonverbal skills, develop sensitivity for their appropriate use, and gain perspective on issues of power, influence, justice, freedom, and truth.

## Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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55 Credits Minimum, Including 30 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication, Film, and Journalism Core</b>		
COM 1101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	5
COM 1321	Public Speaking	5
COM 3001	Theories of Communication	5
COM 3160	Conflict Management	5
COM 3780	The Art of Film	5
COM 4265	Organizational Communication	5
FLM 2001	The Hollywood Studio System: Film History I	5

or FLM 2002	Movies and Cultural Politics in the 1960s: Film History II	
JRN 2101	Media Writing	5
Section Credits Required		40
<b>Electives (at least 5cr UD)</b>		
COM 4606	Communication Technology	
COM 4900	Independent Study	
COM 4940	Coop Education: Internship in Communication	
FLM 3000	Directors and Genres	
FLM 3781	A World on Film	
JRN 2255	The Public and the Media	
JRN 2801	Newspaper Production	
JRN 2802	Newspaper Production	
JRN 2803	Newspaper Production	
JRN 3930	Publication Editor Practicum	
JRN 3931	Publication Editor Practicum	
JRN 3932	Publication Editor Practicum	
Section Credits Required		10
<b>Capstone</b>		
COM 4896	Cultural Communication	5
or JRN 4894	Media Law and Ethics	
Section Credits Required		5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>55</b>

## Suggested Course Sequence

This is a sample schedule of sequencing for the Communication Major. There is a bit of flexibility in class placement in your first 2 years as you navigate through the University's Common and Exploratory Curriculum, and Communication Core. Watch years 3 and 4 closely for courses that are offered only every-other year.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>Autumn</b>		
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
UFDN 1000	The Christian Faith	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Any Quarter</b>		
COM 1321	Public Speaking	5
COM 1101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	5
FLM 2001	The Hollywood Studio System: Film History I	5
or FLM 2002	or Movies and Cultural Politics in the 1960s: Film History II	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Sophomore****Autumn**

JRN 2101	Media Writing (Aut or Spr)	5
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Select one or both of the following:

UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global System	
Exploratory		5-10
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10-15</b>

**Winter**

Select one or both of the following: 5-10

UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global System	
Exploratory		5-10
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10-20</b>

**Spring**

Exploratory		5-10
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5-10</b>

**Any Quarter**

Check on minors if interested

<b>Credits</b>		<b>0</b>
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**Junior****Autumn**

COM 3001	Theories of Communication	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>

**Winter**

COM 3160	Conflict Management	5
COM 3780	The Art of Film	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>

**Spring**

Elective		
Apply to graduate!		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>0</b>

**Any Quarter**

UFDN 3100	Christian Theology	5
UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>

**Senior****Autumn**

COM 4265	Organizational Communication	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>

**Winter**

Elective		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>0</b>

**Spring**

COM 4896	Cultural Communication	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>

**Any Quarter**

<b>Electives</b>		<b>10</b>
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JRN 3932	Publication Editor Practicum	

JRN 2801	Newspaper Production	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>131-151</b>

## Freshman Notes

- If you have not satisfied the Foreign Language Requirement, complete for your Exploratory coursework.
- JRN 2801 Newspaper Production , JRN 2802 Newspaper Production, and JRN 2803 Newspaper Production JRN 2803 Newspaper Production can be taken throughout your undergraduate career.
- If you become an editor, you will take JRN 3930 Publication Editor Practicum, JRN 3931 Publication Editor Practicum, and JRN 3932 Publication Editor Practicum. These are electives in Communication Studies.

## Sophomore Notes

- Wrap up the Exploratory Curriculum this year.
- JRN 2801 Newspaper Production ,JRN 2802 Newspaper Production, and JRN 2803 Newspaper Production JRN 2803 Newspaper Production can be taken throughout your undergraduate career.
- If you become an editor, you will take JRN 3930 Publication Editor Practicum,JRN 3931 Publication Editor Practicum, andJRN 3932 Publication Editor Practicum.
- JRN 4940 Coop Education: Journalism Internship can be taken for up to 10 credits per quarter (usually in Junior or Senior year).