COMMUNICATIONS, B.A. (CAPITAL)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Harrisburg

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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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 foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Requirements for the Major
At least 12 credits of Communications courses must be taken at the 400 level.

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

Credit | Title                                         | Code |
--------|-----------------------------------------------|------|
3       | The Nature of Media                           | COMM 251 |
3       | Reporting                                     | COMM 332 |
3       | Media Criticism and Theory                    | COMM 456 |
3       | Media Law and Ethics                          | COMM 458 |
6       | Basic Photography for Communications           | COMM 215 |
3       | Graphic Design for Communications              | COMM 241 |
3       | Basic Video/Filmmaking                        | COMM 242 |
3       | Photojournalism                               | COMM 269 |
3       | Introduction to Multimedia Production         | COMM 270 |
3       | Intermediate Documentary Production            | COMM 337 |
3       | Mass Media and Politics                       | COMM 450 |
3       | Social Media Strategies                       | COMM 428E |
3       | Mass Media and Politics                       | COMM 430 |
3       | Advanced Audio Production                     | COMM 436 |
3       | Media Audiences and Contexts                  | COMM 457 |
3       | Cultural Effects of Interactive and Online Media | COMM 459 |
3       | Magazine Writing                              | COMM 461 |
3       | Feature Writing                               | COMM 462 |
3       | Public Relations Media and Methods            | COMM 471 |
3       | Public Relations Event Planning               | COMM 472 |
3       | Depth Reporting                               | COMM 474 |
3       | Advanced Multimedia Production                | COMM 481 |
3       | Writers’ Seminar                              | COMM 488 |
3       | Internship                                    | COMM 495 |
3       | Independent Studies                           | COMM 496 |

Select 12 credits in a single discipline or subject area (other than Communications) in consultation with an academic adviser. These credits, combined with electives, may be applied to a minor in support of the student's interests.

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

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 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 (http://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.

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Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign 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, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other 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 General Education US/IL requirement.