

COMMUNICATIONS, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Brandywine, Lehigh Valley, New Kensington

Suggested Academic Plan

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Brandywine Campus

Corporate Communications 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
CC 200 or MKTG 301W [*]	3	COMM 471 or 292 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course) [*]	3
COMM 370 [*]	3	BA World 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

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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.

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Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

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Lehigh Valley Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 100N*	3 CAS 100A (GWS)‡	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS)‡	3 COMM 160*	1
PSYCH 100 (or Social and Behavioral Sciences)*†	3 STAT 200 (GQ)‡	4
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course (GA/US/IL)	3
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 303 (GS)*†	3 CAS 252*	3
COMM 270*	3 COMM 260W*	3
Track Course*	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3
World Language Level 3	4 Track Course*	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 204*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3
COMM 403*	3 Track Course*	3
BA World Cultures	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 494*	3 COMM 495*	3
Option Additional Major Course*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3
Option Additional Major Course*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3
Option Additional Major Course* or General Education Course or Elective	3 BA Fields	3

General Education Course (GH/US/IL)	3 BA Fields	3
	15	15

Total Credits 122

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First Year

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COMM 100N*	3 CAS 100A (GWS)‡	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS)‡	3 COMM 160*	1
PSYCH 100 (or Social and Behavioral Sciences) (GS)*†	3 STAT 200 (GQ)‡	4
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course (GA/US/IL)	3
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 303 (GS)*†	3 COMM 260W*	3
COMM 270*	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3
Professional Practice Course*	3 Professional Practice Course*	3
World Language Level 3	4 Option Additional Major Course*	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 204*	3 COMM 460W*	3
COMM 403*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3
Option Additional Major Course*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3
General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3 BA Fields	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	General Education Course (GN)	3
	15	16.5

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 494*	3 COMM 495*	3
Professional Practice Course*	3 Option Additional Major Course*	3

Option Additional Major Course*	3 Journalism Option Additional Major Course* or General Education Course or Elective	3
BA World Cultures	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (GH/US/IL)	3 BA Fields	3
	15	15

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New Kensington Campus

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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

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 270 [*]	3	ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D	3
ECON 102 ^{*†}	3	COMM 260W [*]	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
CAS 303 ^{*†}	3	STAT 200 (or General Education Course (GQ)) ^{††}	4
		CC 200	3
	16		17

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CAS 204 [*]	3	CAS 252 [*]	3
COMM 2 [*]	2	COMM 471 or CC 402 [*]	3
COMM 403 [*]	3	Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course [*]	3
COMM 370 or CC 401 [*]	3	BA World Cultures	3
BA Requirement	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5		
	15.5		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 494 [*]	3	COMM 495 [*]	3

COMM 205 (or Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course) [*]	3 Corporate Communications Option Additional Major Course (if needed) or General Education Course or Free Elective [*]	3
CC 406	3 BA Requirement	3
General Education Course	3 BA Requirement	3
General Education Course	3 Free Elective	3
	15	15

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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

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

Third Year

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

Fourth Year

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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

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