

I WANT TO CHANGE MY MAJOR TO COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND I AM CURRENTLY TAKING COM 105 – INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION STUDIES INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

Gateway:

- COM 105 – Introduction to Communication Studies – must earn a “B” or better
- COM 200 – Research Methods – must earn a “B” or better (CSC 105 is a pre-requisite)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete an application to the Department of Communication Studies and submit it during the last month of class.
 - a. After grades are posted the application will be processed and your status changed to PCOM (pre-communication studies) if you earn a “B” or better. This change does NOT automatically occur when your grade is posted.
2. Register for COM 200 and earn a “B” or better.
 - a. After grades are posted your file will be processed and your status will change to COM.

INFORMATION – DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Core Classes – 21 hours

- CSC 105 – Introduction to Computer Science
- COM 105 – Introduction to Communication Studies
- COM 110 – Public Speaking (may take at any time)
- COM 200 – Research Methods

Both are
needed *before*
COM 200

After completing COM 200 with a “B” or better, you will become a full COM major and you may begin taking the final three (3) core classes.

- COM 340 – Communication Theory
- COM 341 – Rhetorical Theory
- COM 490 – Discipline Capstone
 - Senior COM majors only; must have completed COM 340 or COM 341 prior to taking COM 490

COM Electives – 21 hours

- may take 9 hours at the 100/200 level
- must take 12 hours at the 300/400 level

COM Courses Typically Open to Everyone

- ✓ COM 104 (do NOT take)
- ✓ COM 105
- ✓ COM 110
- ✓ COM 116
- ✓ COM 160
- ✓ COM 220
- ✓ COM 221
- ✓ COM 223
- ✓ COM 245
- ✓ COM 260

INFORMATION – PCOM & COM CODED CLASSES

Courses coded PCOM/COM can be taken while taking gateway courses. For example, COM 223 - 001 Mediation Conflict is open to both PCOM and COM majors. But you still must meet gateway requirements to become a full major.

Save Everything For your Portfolio

One of the culminating experiences is the completion of COM 490 Discipline Capstone, a course that includes the preparation of a personal portfolio to organize and showcase your abilities. We encourage you to retain items, whether produced independently or in groups, for potential inclusion as portfolio artifacts. Beyond the course, your portfolio may prove a valuable tool as you seek entry into a graduate program or employment.

Remember

Your friends are undoubtedly great friends and want the best for you, but that doesn't mean they have the expertise to be able to advise you wisely. Please rely on your designated faculty advisors. They are trained and skilled and they have your best interests at heart.