

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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## GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: At least 30 credit hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS.

### Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: [catalog.uccs.edu](https://catalog.uccs.edu)
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Communication: [Department of Communication](https://www.uccs.edu/department-of-communication) | [Department of Communication \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/department-of-communication)

Major Requirements			
Communication Major Media Studies Option (39 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of COMM course work.</li> <li>• Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) COMM course work.</li> <li>• All COMM courses require a "C" or better.</li> <li>• 12 credit hours of COMM courses must be completed at UCCS.</li> </ul>	COMM 1000	Contemporary Mass Media	3
	COMM 2030	Introduction to Communication Theory	3
	COMM 3510	Research Methods	3
	COMM 3650	Mass Media and Society	3
	COMM 4090	Emerging Communication Technology	3
	COMM 4740	Entertainment Theory and Research	3
	Foundation Course: Media Skills	Complete 1 course from the following: COMM 2900, 4050	3
	Foundation Course: Applied Media Studies	Complete 1 course from the following: COMM 3250, 3480	3
	Foundation Course: Media Theory	Complete 1 course from the following: COMM 4140, 4201	3
	Electives	Complete 4 additional <i>UNUSED</i> courses from the following list to fulfill total and upper-division hour requirements for the major. COMM 2250, 2270, 2900, 3200, 3250, 3280, 3300, 3350, 3400, 3450, 3460, 3480, 3500, 4000, 4050, 4140, 4200, 4400, 4690, 4900 (with permission of undergraduate director)	12
	Senior ePortfolio	Complete the COMM Senior ePortfolio.	0

## General Education and Elective Requirements

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<b>Core Writing Requirement</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>)</li><li>ENGL 1410</li><li>Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit</li></ul>	
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
<b>Core Humanities</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HUM 3990<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Natural Sciences Lab</b> (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>See Degree Audit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Oral Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>See Degree Audit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>LAS Language other than English Requirement</b>	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. <i>Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.</i>	
<b>Compass Curriculum</b> (21 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major.</li><li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree.</li></ul>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Course</b>
	<b>Gateway Program Seminar</b>	GPS 1010
	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	<b>Summit</b>	COMM 4740 (included in major requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)</b> <i>Must include one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)</li><li>See Degree Audit</li></ul>
	<b>Inclusiveness (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Sustainability</b>	See Degree Audit
<b>General Electives</b> (47 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.	

## FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course ( <i>INDS 1050</i> )	3
		COMM 1000	3		COMM Elective	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 2030	3		COMM 3510	3
		COMM Foundation Course – Media History	3		COMM Foundation Course - Media Studies	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		General Elective ( <i>Oral Communication</i> )	3
					General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 3650	3		COMM Elective	3
		COMM Foundation Course – Media Theory	3		COMM Elective	3
		Upper Division (UD) General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		General Elective ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3
		General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3		General Elective ( <i>Writing Intensive</i> )	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 4090	3		COMM 4740	3
		COMM Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15