

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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## GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. Residency: Last 30 credit hours of 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:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: [catalog.uccs.edu](http://catalog.uccs.edu)
2. 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.

## MAJOR INFORMATION

Scholars of communication study the complex process of human communication within interpersonal, group, organizational, public, intercultural, media and technological contexts. The ability to communicate abstractly separates humans from all other species. The Department of Communication is designed to educate the student in the complexities of uniquely human communication by focusing on both theoretical and pragmatic concerns. Media studies is a field of study that deals with the content, history, and effects of various media; in particular, the mass media.

| Major Requirements   |   |  |              |
|--|---|--|--------------|
| Communication Major<br>Media Studies Option<br>(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>• Must maintain a minimum 2.0 major GPA (all COMM courses) to graduate.</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 2500                                   | Research Methods   | 3            |
|  | COMM 3650                                   | Mass Media and Society   | 3            |
|  | COMM 4140                                   | Media Effects  | 3            |
|  | COMM 4350                                   | Critical Analysis of Popular Culture   | 3            |
|  | Media History & Criticism                   | <i>Complete 1 course from the following:</i> COMM 3450, 3500, 4010   | 3            |
|  | Media Production                            | <i>Complete 1 course from the following:</i> COMM 2250, 2270, 3460   | 3            |
|  | Applied Media Studies                       | <i>Complete 1 course from the following:</i> COMM 3250, 3480, 4090   | 3            |
|  | Electives                                   | <i>Complete 4 UNUSED courses from the following:</i> COMM 2250, 2270, 2900, 3100, 3200, 3250, 3280, 3300, 3350, 3400, 3450, 3460, 3480, 3500, 3850, 4000, 4010, 4050, 4090, 4170, 4200, 4690, 4750, 4900, 9400 | 12           |
| Senior ePortfolio  | <i>Complete the COMM Senior ePortfolio.</i> | 0  |              |

| General Education and Elective Requirements   |  |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|---|--|--|--------|----------------|----------|--|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|--|--|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Composition</b><br>(6 hours)   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 1310</li> <li>ENGL 1410</li> <li>PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio</li> </ol>  |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Reasoning Skills</b><br>(3 hours)  | See the degree audit for course options.   |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Area Requirements</b><br>(27 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements</li> <li>Courses may not be taken pass/fail</li> </ul>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM3990.</li> <li>Social Sciences – 9 credit hours</li> <li>Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>  |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>  | One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>   |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Compass Curriculum</b><br>(12 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements</li> <li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree</li> </ul> | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Gateway</b></td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Navigate</b></td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Summit</b></td> <td>COMM 4350 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br/><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>COMM 4350 (included in major requirements)</li> </ol> </td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Inclusiveness</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sustainability</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Component                                    | Course | <b>Gateway</b> | GPS 1010 | <b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Navigate</b> | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) | <b>Summit</b> | COMM 4350 (included in major requirements) | <b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>COMM 4350 (included in major requirements)</li> </ol> | <b>Inclusiveness</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Sustainability</b> | See Degree Audit |
|   | Component  | Course                                       |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Gateway</b>   | GPS 1010                                     |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>   | See Degree Audit                             |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>  | See Degree Audit                             |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>  | See Degree Audit                             |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Navigate</b>  | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|   | <b>Summit</b>  | COMM 4350 (included in major requirements)   |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>COMM 4350 (included in major requirements)</li> </ol>   |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Inclusiveness</b>  | See Degree Audit   |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Sustainability</b>   | See Degree Audit   |  |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>General Electives</b><br>(33 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 |
|          |   | COMM 1000                                     | 3         |   | COMM 2030                                 | 3         |
|          |   | GPS 1010                                      | 3         |   | INDS 1050                                 | 3         |
|          |   | Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course  | 3         |   | Explore – Physical & Natural World Course | 3         |
|          |   | Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course | 3         |   | Humanities Elective                       | 3         |
|          |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | 15        |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 15        |

| Year Two | ✓ | FALL                             | Hours     | ✓ | SPRING                                | Hours                        |
|----------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|          |   |                                  | COMM 2500 | 3 |                                       | COMM Media Production Course |
|          |   | COMM Elective                    | 3         |   | COMM Elective                         | 3                            |
|          |   | Natural Science Elective (w/lab) | 4         |   | Humanities Elective                   | 3                            |
|          |   | Social Science Elective          | 3         |   | General Elective (Oral Communication) | 3                            |
|          |   | General Elective                 | 3         |   | General Elective                      | 3                            |
|          |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | 16        |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                          | 15                           |

| Year Three | ✓ | FALL                                 | Hours     | ✓ | SPRING                   | Hours                                 |
|------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|            |   |                                      | COMM 3650 | 3 |                          | COMM Media History & Criticism Course |
|            |   | COMM Applied Media Studies Course    | 3         |   | UD COMM Elective         | 3                                     |
|            |   | General Elective                     | 3         |   | Social Science Elective  | 3                                     |
|            |   | Upper Division (UD) General Elective | 3         |   | UD General Elective      | 3                                     |
|            |   | UD General Elective                  | 3         |   | Natural Science Elective | 3                                     |
|            |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                         | 16        |   | <b>TOTAL</b>             | 15                                    |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL                    | Hours    | ✓ | SPRING                   | Hours     |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|----------|---|--------------------------|-----------|
|           |   |                         | HUM 3990 | 3 |                          | COMM 4350 |
|           |   | COMM 4140               | 3        |   | COMM Elective            | 3         |
|           |   | Social Science Elective | 3        |   | Natural Science Elective | 2         |
|           |   | UD General Elective     | 3        |   | UD General Elective      | 3         |
|           |   | UD General Elective     | 3        |   | UD General Elective      | 3         |
|           |   | <b>TOTAL</b>            | 15       |   | <b>TOTAL</b>             | 14        |