



Winona State University
Four-Year Program Map

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Program: Communications Studies Major
Emphasis (optional): Applied Communication Option (minor required)

Fall Semester				Spring Semester		
	Course	Requirement Met	SH	Course	Requirement Met	SH
Year 1	CMST 191 Intro to Public Spk or 192 Intro to Speech Comm	GE Goal 1	3	ENG 111 College Reading & Writing	GE Goal 1	4
	General Education Course	GE Goal 3/4/5/6/7/9/10	3	General Education Course	GE Goal 3/4/5/6/7/9/10	3
	General Education Course	GE Goal 3/4/5/6/7/9/10	3	General Education Course	GE Goal 3/4/5/6/7/9/10	3
	CMST Elective	Major Elective	3	CMST 281 Intercultural Communication	GE Goal 8/Major	3
	OR 100 Intro to Higher Education	Recommended	1	CMST Elective	Major Elective	3
	<i>NOTE: CMST courses MAY be taken as part of the General Education Program (GEP), but are not required. Courses taken for GEP may be used as major classes</i>			<i>NOTE: ALL CMST COURSES <u>MUST</u> BE TAKEN FOR GRADE ONLY.</i>		
First-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			13	First-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		16
Year 2	General Education Course (Lab)	GE Goal 3	4	CMST 283 Introduction to Rhetorical Studies	GE Goal 6/Major	3
	General Education Course	GE Goal 3/4/5/6/7/9/10	3	CMST 357 Communication in Social Media	Major	3
	CMST 282 Introduction to Communication Studies	GE Goal 5/Major	3	Gen Education Course/General Elective/Minor	GE Goal/Gen Elec/Minor	3
	ENG 210 Adv Expository Wrtg/211 Wrtg in Com or 439 Tech Wrtg	Major	3	Gen Education Course/General Elective/Minor	GE Goal/Gen Elec/Minor	3
	General Elective/Minor	Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
	<i>NOTE: A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required in this major. Students must earn a grade of *C* or better in all major courses. ENG 211 would also meet GOAL 9.</i>			<i>NOTE: This major requires a minor from outside the CMST Department. The number of credits a minor requires varies.</i>		
Second-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			16	Second-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		15
Year 3	CMST 371/375(OI) OR 389(WI)/381/387/366(WI)	Major	3	CMST 371/375(OI) OR 389(WI)/381/387/366(WI)	Major	3
	CMST 371/375(OI) OR 389(WI)/381/387/366(WI)	Major	3	STAT 110, 210, ECON 222, PSY 231	Major	3
	Gen Education Course/General Elective/Minor	GE Goal/Gen Elect/Minor	3	(only STAT 110 & 210 count toward GE Goal 4)		
	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3	General Education Course/General Elective/Minor	GE Goal/Gen Elect/Minor	3
	PE (Physical Development/Wellness)	PDW	2-3	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
	General Elective (if take only 2 credits in PDW)	General Elective	1	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
<i>NOTE: #Theory courses can be used as electives as long as they are not used to fill the option requirements.</i>			<i>NOTE: Students must earn 40 credits at the 300-400 level.</i>			
Third-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			15	Third-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		15
Year 4	CMST 380 Communication Research Methods	Major/CAI	3	CMST 485 Senior Seminar in Comm Theory	Major/WI	3
	CMST Elective 300-400 Level	Major Elective	3	CMST 451 Top in Comm Studies or 452 Top in Public Comm	Major/OI	3
	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	General Elective/Minor	3
<i>NOTE: All GEP intensive requirements can be met by taking major courses.</i>			<i>NOTE: CMST 195 & 321 may be used for Goal 5; CMST 289 & 292 may be used for Goal 6; CMST 290, 291, 292, & 381 may be used for Goal 7; OI = 375, 385, 451/2; WI = 366, 389, 485; CAI = 380</i>			
Fourth-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			15	Fourth-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		15

Total Credit Hours (SH): 120

Guide to 4 Year Major Maps

- 4 Year Major Maps are intended to show a recommended four-year pathway to a degree. Students must be fulltime, college ready, and ready to declare a major to follow the map exactly as shown. Maps are only a sample; there may be other pathways that lead to completion of the degree in four years.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of meetings with advisors.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of the Degree Audit System (DARs).

All courses listed on a major map will be labelled as one or more of the following:

GE Goal	General Education Goal Area	Indicates that the course meets one of the 10 General Education Goals
Gen Elec	General Elective	Indicates that the course does not meet a General Education, Major or Minor requirement but does count toward the degree
Major	Major Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Major requirement
Major Elec	Major Elective	Indicates that the course counts toward the major as an elective, must be chosen from list of approved courses
Minor	Minor Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Minor requirement
CAI	Critical Analysis Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Critical Analysis Intensive
OI	Oral Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as an Oral Intensive
WI	Written Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Written Intensive
PDW	Personal Development and Wellness	Indicates that the course counts as a Personal Development and Wellness Requirement

General Education Goal Areas:

		Minimum credits required
Goal 1	Communication	7 credits
Goal 2	Critical Thinking (Met with completion of all other goal areas)	--
Goal 3	Natural Science	7 credits
Goal 4	Mathematics	3-4 credits
Goal 5	History, Social/Behavioral Sciences	9 credits
Goal 6	Humanities and Fine Arts	9 credits
Goal 7	Human Diversity	3 credits
Goal 8	Global Perspective	3 credits
Goal 9	Ethic and Civic Responsibility	3 credits
Goal 10	People and the Environment	3 credits

Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum of 120 total credits (semester hours) required for Bachelors' Degree
- Minimum of 40 General Education credits required
- Minimum of 40 Upper Division credits required
- Minimum of 30 Residence credits required in Junior/Senior years
- Minimum WSU cumulative grade point average of 2.00; some programs require higher grade point averages

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