### University Core and Graduation Requirements

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#### Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

### Suggested Sequence of Courses

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

**1st Semester**
- First-Year Writing* | 3.0
- COMMS 101 | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 7.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

**2nd Semester**
- American Heritage | 3.0
- COMMS 238 | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 7.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3rd Semester**
- COMMS 300 | 3.0
- COMMS 304 | 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 7.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

**4th Semester**
- Apply to major.

**Total Hours**: 15.0

#### JUNIOR YEAR

**5th Semester**
- COMMS 307 | 3.0
- COMMS elective | 3.0
- COMMS elective | 3.0
- General Education courses, University Requirements, and/or General Electives | 7.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

**6th Semester**
- COMMS 483 | 3.0
- Religion cornerstone course | 2.0
- General education courses, university requirements and/or general electives | 10.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

#### SENIOR YEAR

**7th Semester**
- COMMS 399R or COMMS 497R | 1.0
- Religion cornerstone course | 2.0
- General education courses, university requirements and/or general electives | 12.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

**8th Semester**
- COMMS 397R or COMMS 497R | 1.0
- Religion cornerstone course | 2.0
- General education courses, university requirements and/or general electives | 12.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
### GENERAL INFORMATION:

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The Communications Studies sequence exists as a counterpoint to the other sequences within the School of Communications. Whereas each of the other sequences excels in providing specialized instruction in a particular discipline of communications (e.g., Public Relations, Advertising or News Media), the Communications Studies sequence takes a more generalized approach. The sequence coursework equips students with a solid foundation in the areas of critical thinking, research, writing, presentation and communications theory, but then grants students the freedom to select their supplementary coursework from the School's catalog of elective offerings. These courses span a variety of interests, including digital media, popular culture, advocacy, international issues, and many others. The combination of required and strategically-selected supplementary coursework begets a degree program that is highly customizable. With this freedom, however, comes the charge for students to work closely with their faculty advisor to make their professional goals known, and to work together in the creation of a viable learning plan. The Communications Studies sequence acknowledges that the lines between disciplines (in many case) are blurring, and it seeks to equip students with the skills they feel are necessary to succeed in their personalized path - whether this path is professional or academic in nature, and whether it leads them deeper into the communications industry, or on to other disciplines.

### SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each student must be Pre-Comms in order to apply to the major. Contact the college advisement center for admission requirements, or comms.byu.edu.
2. All students must take a campus writing course before applying for admission to the major. WRTG 150C Advanced Writing Course fulfills this requirement. AP credit does not.
3. Complete a minimum of 72 hours in courses outside of the department, while meeting BYU’s University Core requirements.
4. Every student is required to complete an internship.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Communications Studies sequence is designed to provide students with a general set of skills in critical thinking, research, writing, presentation and communications theory. These skills form the foundation for success in a variety of professional and academic fields and - through strategic scheduling and selection of supplementary coursework - students will find themselves prepared to perform in variety of environments, both within and outside of the traditional communications trajectory.

### OFF-CAMPUS PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS:

As part of the Communications Studies sequence, and after the

### REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 1 option

**CORE COURSES:**

**OPTION 1**

- Complete 3 courses
- COMMS 101 - Mass Communication and Society 3.0
- COMMS 238 - Introduction to Communications Studies 3.0
- WRTG 150 - Writing and Rhetoric 3.0

**Note:** Students must receive a B grade or better in each course to be eligible to apply for admission. AP credit does not fulfill this requirement.

### REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 2 courses

**THESE COURSES MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE SEMESTER IN WHICH STUDENTS APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR.**

- COMMS 300 - Media Law and Responsibility 3.0
- COMMS 304 - Media Ethics: Ethical Decision-Making in a Diverse Society 3.0

### REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 1 course

- COMMS 307 - Fundamentals of Communications Action 3.0

### REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 3 courses

- COMMS 319 - Research in Communication 3.0
- COMMS 411 - Media Effects 3.0
- COMMS 483 - Advanced Communications Studies 3.0

### REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 1 hour from the following course(s)

- COMMS 399R - Mentored Research Practicum 3.0
- COMMS 497R - Mentored Research Practicum 1.0

You may take this course up to 1 time.

### REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 15.0 hours from the following course(s)

**COMPLETE 15 HOURS (FIVE COURSES) FROM THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVES:**

- COMMS 301 - Mass Media History and Philosophy 3.0
- COMMS 302 - Popular Culture and Media 3.0
- COMMS 351 - Media and Their Audiences 3.0
- COMMS 360 - Communication Management Principles and Theory 3.0
- COMMS 381 - International Media Systems 3.0
- COMMS 382 - Issues in Global Communication 3.0
- COMMS 406 - Media and the First Amendment 3.0
- COMMS 416 - Media Advocacy and Social Change 3.0
- COMMS 426 - Persuasion in the Media Age 3.0
- COMMS 480 - Media Ethics and Moral Reasoning 3.0
- COMMS 481 - Gender, Race, and Class in the Media 3.0
- COMMS 482 - Media and World Religions 3.0

### REQUIREMENT 7 Complete a minimum of 72 hours in courses outside of the department while meeting BYU’s University Core requirements.
necessary prerequisites have been completed, students will have the opportunity to choose between a mentored research practicum or an off-campus professional internship. For mentored research practicums, a faculty advisor must be selected to approve and supervise the project. For off-campus internships, a fulltime practitioner may serve as a supervisor, after gaining approval from the faculty advisor. Approval for either of these options must come in advance of their initiation.

FACULTY ADVISOR:
Check with the School of Communications, in 360 BRMB, to be assigned a faculty advisor.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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