

Degree Map

A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences – Communications Studies Concentration – Catalog Year 2025-26

The number of credits you take each year will determine when you graduate. To graduate on time, you are strongly encouraged to enroll in at least 30 credits toward your degree during the calendar year, including fall and spring semesters and winter and summer sessions. This degree map is designed for students who place into **ENGL-101** and **MA-321**. An additional map is available for students who must complete developmental math or English. Please see the degree website or your advisor for more information.

This concentration includes up to 9 credits of major elective course work that can be selected based on a student's future field of study. The faculty recommend the following elective choices for three major career areas.

- Communication Studies: take SP-101 and two courses from the following: SP-212, SP-213, SP-214 or SP-217
- Communication Sciences and Disorders: take SP-215, SP-216, and one course from the following SP-212 or SP-213
- Multimedia Communications: take SP-217, FMP-245, and SP-321 or TH-120

Courses in **Bold Text** are prerequisites for later courses or only offered in the Fall or Spring semester and should be taken where indicated in the sequence.

Fall Semester #1

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹ |
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| ENGL-101 English Composition I (Required Core 1A: English Composition) | 3 | Prerequisite: Complete developmental requirements in English |
| Required Core 1B: Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning Choose one course, MA-321 or MA-301 is recommended | 3 | Prerequisite: Complete developmental requirements in math |
| One Modern Language course - placement required ² | 3-4 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Communication Studies Concentration: Take one course from table below ³ | 3 | None |
| HE-101 Personal Health and Wellness or HE-102 Health, Behavior and Society | 1-2 | Prerequisite: None |
| Total credits for the term | 13-15 | |

Spring Semester #1

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹ |
|---|--------------|---|
| ENGL-102 English Composition II (Required Core 1A: English Composition) | 3 | Prerequisite: ENGL-101 or placement |
| SP-211 Speech Communication | 3 | None |
| One Modern Language course (next in sequence) ² | 3-4 | Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in previous course |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Total credits for the term | 15-16 | |

Fall Semester #2

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹ |
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| One course from the ENGL-200 series | 3 | Prerequisite: ENGL-102 |
| Communication Studies Concentration: Take one course from table below ³ | 3 | See table below |
| One course from Required Core 1C: Life & Physical Sciences | 3-4 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Science Laboratory course ⁶ | 0-1 | Corequisite: 3-credit Science course in Required Core 1C |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Total credits for the term | 16 | |

Spring Semester #2

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹ |
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| Communication Studies Concentration: Take one course from table below ³ | 3 | See table below |
| HIST-110, HIST-111, or HIST-112 ⁵ | 3 | Corequisite: ENGL-101 |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ⁴ | 3 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Two 1 credit courses from the PE-400, PE-500, or DAN-100 series | 2 | None |
| Free Electives to reach 60 credits | 0-2 | Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites |
| Total credits for the term | 13-16 | |
| Total credits required for the A.A. | 60 | |

Notes:

1. Prerequisites for a course must be passed before taking the course. Corequisites must be passed before taking the course or taken in the same term as the course.
2. Two sequential courses in the same language are required. Please visit the [Department of Modern Languages and Cultures](#) for placement into the first course.
3. If any of the Communication Studies Concentration major elective courses are taken as a part of common core, students must elect additional courses from the table below to complete the 8-9 credits in the concentration.
4. Students must complete one course from each of the Flexible Core categories (2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E) and one additional course from any one of the categories.
5. If HIST-110, HIST-111, or HIST-112 is taken for Flexible Core 2A, take one additional Communications Studies Concentration elective course instead
6. This course is not required for students who take a 4-credit STEM variant course in Required Core 1C.

Students must complete a minimum of 48 Liberal Arts and Sciences courses for this program. [Please see the catalog](#) for course subjects that fall into that category.

All students must complete two (2) WI designated classes to fulfill degree requirements.

Communication Studies Concentration – Students must take 8-9 credits from the following table:

Take two courses from:

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites and Corequisites |
|---|---------|--------------------------------|
| SP-101 - Introduction to Communications Studies | 3 | None |
| SP 212 - Interpersonal Communication | 3 | Corequisite: ENGL-101 |
| SP 213 - Intercultural Communication | 3 | None |
| SP 214 - Communication in a Professional Setting | 3 | None |
| SP 215 - Phonetics | 3 | None |
| SP 216 - Introduction to Language Science and Linguistics | 3 | None |
| SP-217 - Business Communications | 3 | None |
| SP 321 - Oral Performance for the Actor and Speaker | 3 | None |
| TH-120 - Acting I | 3 | None |
| FMP-245 - Introduction to Electronic Media | 3 | None |

Recommended courses by field of communications:

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