

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## Major Requirements - Effective Fall 2017 - 120 units total (40 major units)

<u><b>Lower-division COMM major courses</b></u> <b>COMM #'s 120-299 (6 units)</b> COMM 150 may only count if another course can satisfy GE A1	<b>Term</b> (ex: F18/S19)	<b>Course name/number</b>

<u><b>Upper-Division COMM Major courses</b></u>		<b>Term</b> (ex: F18/S19)	<b>Course name/number</b>		
Graduation Writing Assessment Req.[GWAR] COMM #300s (4 units) Choose: COMM#s 300 with "GW"					
<b>Social Contexts &amp; Interaction: 8 units</b> Choose: COMM #'s 400-449 & 500-549 Note: COMM #s 400-449 =1 & 2 units; 500-549 are 4 units.					
<b>Rhetoric &amp; Performance: 8 units</b> Choose: COMM #'s 450-499 & 550-600 Note: COMM #s 450-499 are 1 & 2 unit; 550-600 are 4 units.					
<b>Communication Inquiry: 4 units</b> COMM #'s 661-664					
<b>COMM Electives: 8 units</b> Choose: COMM #'s 400 & 500's, 368, 685, 695 only 2 units can be lower division. ***Please see back					
Senior Seminar—COMM 670 (2 units)					
Complementary Studies (12 units) Advisors may also send student verifying e-mail (See details on the back.)	<b>Advisor approval</b> (if different department prefixes used)	<b>Date</b>	<b>Term</b> (ex: F18/S19)	<b>Course name/number/where taken</b>	<b>#units</b>

### Lower division GE areas, or university requirements not yet satisfied:

Area needed:	Possible course/Term:	Area needed:	Possible course/Term:

### Upper division GE areas and SF State Studies areas not yet satisfied (taken at SFSU only):

Upper division GE*	✓ if still needed	SF State Studies (Overlays taken with UD GE)	✓ if still needed	Possible course and term
UD-B: Physical and/or Life Sciences (3 units)		American Ethnic and Racial Minorities (AERM) *COMM 120		
UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities (3 units) *COMM 541		Environmental Sustainability (ES) *COMM 348GW		
UD-D: Social Sciences (3 units) *COMM 527/531		Global Perspectives (GP)		
		Social Justice (SJ) *COMM 120/556		

### **COMM electives (8 units)**

For electives, student may choose any combination of 400 and 500 level COMM courses and/or any of these additional courses:

COMM 368 – Forensics [Speech and Debate] (2 units) (may count twice in major)

COMM 685 – Instructional Aid [*by invitation only*] (4 units)

COMM 695 – Internship in Communication Studies (4 units) (may only count once in major electives)

*\*\*\*If you have more than 6 lower division units in COMM, you may be able to count up to 2 units of lower division COMM coursework toward your electives. The 6 units may not include a course used to satisfy the lower GE A1 requirement. This is often, but not always, COMM 150 or its equivalents. Please meet with a COMM advisor for further information.*

### **COMM 670—Senior Seminar in Communication Studies (2 units)**

COMM 670 (capstone course) is required of all Communication Studies majors whose degree progress report indicates Fall 2015 and later Bulletin Rights for the COMM major.

### **Complementary Studies Requirement**

Complementary Studies (CS) is a 12-unit focused “complement” to your Communication Studies major and a graduation requirement for students declaring the major Fall 2014 or later.

Courses fulfilling this requirement **cannot** have the same prefix as your major (e.g., COMM, CMST, or SPCH) but may double count with other GE and university requirements. Both lower and upper division courses can be used for the CS requirement and can be a combination of courses taken at community college and SFSU.

You can meet the CS requirement in four ways (✓ Choose one):

- University-approved study abroad
- A minor or certificate program (or 12 units of such work, but may not be COMM prefix.)
- Courses in a (single) language other than English
- Non-COMM classes in a single prefix, (or related topic with approval by advisor).

If you and your advisor determine that you will meet the CS requirement with option 4, it is possible to double count classes that you took to fulfill other non-major graduation requirements (e.g., a Sociology class that you transferred that is meeting a GE requirement might be counted toward CS with your advisor’s approval, if you are taking other Sociology classes at SFSU).

*For all General Education (GE), CA Promise, and Academic Probation/Disqualification advising related questions, please visit the Advising Resource Center (ARC) located in HUM 112. Open Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

*You can also reach them by email at [achieve@sfsu.edu](mailto:achieve@sfsu.edu).*

