

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Students earning the communication degree specialize in one of four areas: general communication, professional and technical communication (PTC), journalism of science (JS), or journalism of technology and business (JTB). All COM majors take coursework in editing, persuasion, communication law and ethics, and science and technology in society. PTC specialists add courses in document design, graphic and/or web design, linguistics, art and architectural history, and more. Journalism specialists add courses in journalism, mass media, and intercultural communication; JS specialists add courses in math and science, science writing, and philosophy of science, while JTB specialists take courses in economics, business, information technology, writing about technology, and history of technology.

## Required Courses

<b>Communication Requirements</b>		(9)
COM 371	Persuasion	3
COM 377	Communication Law and Ethics	3
COM 425	Editing	3
Portfolio		
<b>General Communications Requirements</b>		(18)
Select a minimum of six courses from the following:		18
COM 301	Introduction to Linguistics	3
COM 330	Standards-Based Web Design	3
COM 372	Mass Media and Society	3
COM 380	Topics in Communication (Organizational Communication)	3
COM 380	Topics in Communication (Communication/Media Theory)	3
COM 421	Technical Communication	3
COM 428	Verbal and Visual Communication	3
COM 435	Intercultural Communication	3
COM 440	Introduction to Journalism	3
<b>Communication/Technical Electives</b>		(18)
Select a minimum of six courses		18
<b>Science and Technology in Society (STS Elective)</b>		(6)
Select 6 credit hours		6
<b>Introduction to the Profession</b>		(3)
See IIT Core Curriculum, section E		3
<b>Science Requirements</b>		(10)
See IIT Core Curriculum, section D		10
<b>Mathematics Requirement</b>		(6)
See IIT Core Curriculum, section D		6
<b>Computer Science Requirement</b>		(2)
See IIT Core Curriculum, section D		2
<b>Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements</b>		(21)
See IIT Core Curriculum, sections B and C		21
<b>Interprofessional Projects (IPRO)</b>		(6)
See IIT Core Curriculum, section E		6
<b>Minor Electives</b>		(15)
Select 15 credit hours		15
<b>Free Electives</b>		(12)
Select 12 credit hours		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		126

## Bachelor of Science in Communication: General Communication Curriculum

		Year 1	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Introduction to the Profession	3	CS 105 or 110	2
MATH 130	3	BIOL 114	3
BIOL 105 & BIOL 109	4	Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Humanities 200-level Course	3	Humanities Elective (300+)	3
Social Science Elective	3	Free Elective	3
16		14	
		Year 2	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
PHYS 211 or CHEM 122	3	COM 371	3
COM 377	3	STS Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3	Minor Elective	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Humanities Elective (300+)	3
STS Elective <sup>2</sup>	3	Free Elective	3
Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3		
18		15	
		Year 3	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3	COM 425	3
Minor Elective	3	Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3
IPRO Elective I	3	Communication/Technical Elective	3
Humanities or Social Sciences Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3	Mathematics Elective	3
Free Elective	3		
18		15	
		Year 4	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3	Communications Core Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Communication/Technical Elective	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Communication/Technical Elective	3
Minor Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
IPRO Elective II	3	Free Elective	3
15		15	

Total Credit Hours: 126

<sup>1</sup> Communications core courses include: COM 301, COM 323, COM 330, COM 380 Organizational Communication, COM 380 Communication/Media Theory, COM 421, COM 428, COM 435, and COM 440.

<sup>2</sup> Select from: PHIL 341, PHIL 350, or PHIL 351.