The Department of Communication Studies is dedicated to providing a liberal arts education where critical skills, concepts, and thinking are developed in conjunction with practice and application. Through a study of processes, patterns, and media of communication, the major in communication studies from Northeastern University aims to provide an enriching background for our students, providing them with an opportunity to contribute significantly to the communication sector, whether that contribution is within organizations, in the public sphere, or in the media industries themselves. Through its students and faculty, communication studies at Northeastern is a program dedicated to critical innovation. It strives to integrate new research into teaching and pedagogy to ensure students are connected to new developments in the field of communication.

Transferring to the Major
Students wishing to transfer to the major must have a cumulative GPA of 3.000 overall and must have completed:
COMM 1101  Introduction to Communication Studies  4 SH
and one of the following courses:
COMM 1112  Public Speaking (no prerequisite)  4 SH
COMM 1231  Principles of Organizational Communication (prerequisite COMM 1101)  4 SH
MSCR 1220  Media, Culture, and Society (prerequisite COMM 1101)  4 SH
with grades of B or higher. Acceptance into the major is based on students’ meeting the department’s criteria for admission and availability of space in the programs. Requests to transfer into the major should be submitted to the communication studies department office by October 1, February 1, or July 1.

Academic Progression Standards
Departmental probation will result from a cumulative GPA below 2.000. No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses can be used to fulfill degree requirements. Dismissal from the major may occur as a result of two consecutive semesters on departmental probation.

BA in Communication Studies

NU Core Requirements
See page 40 for requirement list.

Requirements for BA
See page 41 for requirement list.

Communication Studies Major Requirements

Introduction to College
Complete the following course:
COMM 1000  Communication Studies at Northeastern  1 SH

Communication Studies Core Requirements
Complete the following four courses:
COMM 1101  Introduction to Communication Studies  4 SH
COMM 1112  Public Speaking  4 SH
COMM 1231  Principles of Organizational Communication  4 SH
MSCR 1220  Media, Culture, and Society  4 SH

Writing-Intensive Courses
Complete two writing-intensive courses in communication studies from the following list:
COMM 2350  Producing for the Entertainment Industry  4 SH
COMM 3230  Interpersonal Communication  4 SH
COMM 3414  American Public Address, 1930–Present  4 SH
COMM 4533  Consultation Skills  4 SH
COMM 4534  Organizational Communication Training and Development  4 SH
COMM 4602  Contemporary Rhetorical Theory  4 SH
COMM 4610  Political Communication  4 SH
COMM 4901  Seminar in Communications  4 SH
MSCR 3437  Media and Identity  4 SH
MSCR 4623  Theories of Media and Culture  4 SH

Capstone
Complete one of the following courses:
COMM 4533  Consultation Skills  4 SH
COMM 4534  Organizational Communication Training and Development  4 SH
COMM 4602  Contemporary Rhetorical Theory  4 SH
COMM 4603  Advocacy Workshop  4 SH
COMM 4901  Seminar in Communications  4 SH
MSCR 4623  Theories of Media and Culture  4 SH

Communication Studies Electives

Upper-Level Electives
Complete five courses from the following range. Note:
COMM 3550, COMM 3650, and COMM 4650 may not be used as upper-level electives:
COMM 3000 to COMM 4999
Electives
Complete four communication studies courses not used to satisfy requirements above.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT
Complete one course in experiential learning. Please see department for approved courses.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR
CREDIT/GRADE REQUIREMENTS
Complete 52 semester hours in the major. No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
Students must earn a minimum of 64 Northeastern University semester hours in order to receive a bachelor’s degree.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required