The Department of Communication Studies is committed to providing students with both the communication skills and the understanding of the communication process required to thrive in a complex and changing society. Majors are required to demonstrate a mastery of the fundamentals of effective communication, to learn the fundamentals of communication theory and practice, and to develop a distinct area of emphasis. Some of the more popular areas include argumentation and advocacy, organizational and health communication, international and intercultural communication, digital communication and social media, and media production. The curriculum is designed to enhance the understanding of human communication in a variety of contexts, to empower students to become informed and engaged citizens, and to provide the knowledge and skills required to live a rich personal and professional life.

**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.

**Preapproved Template Program in Communication Studies**
The Department of Communication Studies offers a preapproved template program that may be paired with another preapproved template program to create a combined major; to see a list of current preapproved template programs, visit www.northeastern.edu/registrar/major-2.html.

Students may request admission to such a combined major via the Combined Major Approval Form (www.northeastern.edu/registrar/form-maj-comb.pdf), which requires approval by both disciplines/colleges together with an approved curriculum. For additional information, please see “Student-Requested Combined Major” on page 32.

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**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 Common Requirements
Complete the following three courses:
- COMM 1101 Introduction to Communication Studies 4 SH
- COMM 1112 Public Speaking 4 SH
- COMM 2301 Methods and Research in Communication 4 SH

### Foundation Course
Complete one course from the following list:
- COMM 1210 Persuasion and Rhetoric 4 SH
- COMM 1225 Communication Theory 4 SH
- COMM 1231 Principles of Organizational Communication 4 SH
- COMM 1255 Communication in a Digital Age 4 SH
- COMM 1310 Classical Rhetorical Theory 4 SH

### Cluster Course
Complete one course from the following list:
- COMM 1131 Sex, Relationships, and Communication 4 SH
- COMM 2303 Global and Intercultural Communication 4 SH
- COMM 2304 Communication and Gender 4 SH
- COMM 2501 Communication Law 4 SH
- COMM 2551 Free Speech in Cyberspace 4 SH

### Writing-Intensive Courses
Complete two writing-intensive courses in communication studies from the following list:
- COMM 3230 Interpersonal Communication 4 SH
- COMM 3414 American Public Address 2, 1930–Present 4 SH
- COMM 3415 Rhetorical Criticism 4 SH
- COMM 3532 Theories of Conflict and Negotiation 4 SH
- COMM 4535 Nonverbal Social Interaction 4 SH
- COMM 4602 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory 4 SH
- COMM 4610 Political Communication 4 SH
- COMM 4901 Seminar in Communications 4 SH

### Capstone
Complete one of the following courses:
- COMM 4533 Consultation Skills 4 SH
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**COMMUNICATION STUDIES ELECTIVES**
Complete five communication studies courses not used to satisfy requirements above.

**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