

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Students earning the communication degree specialize in one of four areas: general communication, journalism of science (JS), journalism of technology and business (JTB), or professional and technical communication (PTC). All COM majors take coursework in editing, persuasion, communication law and ethics, and science and technology in society. General communicators have a great deal of leeway to tailor coursework to their own particular interests.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Communication Requirements		(9)
COM 371	Persuasion	3
COM 377	Communication Law and Ethics	3
COM 425	Editing	3
Portfolio		
General Communications Requirements		(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
Communication/Technical Electives		(18)
Select a minimum of six courses		18
Science and Technology in Society (STS Elective)		(6)
Select six credit hours		6
Introduction to the Profession		(3)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E		3
Science Requirements		(10)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section D		10
Mathematics Requirement		(6)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section D		6
Computer Science Requirement		(2)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section D		2
Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements		(21)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, sections B and C		21
Interprofessional Projects (IPRO)		(6)
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E		6
Minor Electives		(15)
Select 15 credit hours		15
Free Electives		(12)
Select 12 credit hours		12
Total Credit Hours		126

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		Year 1	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Introduction to the Profession	3	CS 105 or 110	2
MATH 130	3	Communications Core Course ¹	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective	4	Natural Science or Engineering Elective	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
COM 377	3	COM 371	3
Communications Core Course ¹	3	STS Elective ²	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3	Humanities Elective (300+)	3
STS Elective ²	3	Free Elective	3
Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3		
	18		15
		Year 3	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Communications Core Course ¹	3	COM 425	3
Minor Elective	3	Communications Core Course ¹	3
I PRO 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 ¹	3	Communications Core Course ¹	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Communication/Technical Elective	3
Communication/Technical Elective	3	Communication/Technical Elective	3
Minor Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
I PRO Elective II	3	Free Elective	3
	15		15

Total Credit Hours: 126

¹ 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.

² Select from: PHIL 341, PHIL 350, or PHIL 351.