BA with a Major in Communication

Program Codes:
20FT1113BA

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Communication degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Major Requirements		33
General Education and Electives to reach Minimum Total Hours		87
Total Hours		**120**

General Education

See *General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline* in the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication [a]	3
COMM 102	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication [a]	3
COMM 103	Introduction to Media [a]	3
COMM 200	Communication Technologies	3
COMM 301	Communication Research [b,e]	3
Select five additional communication courses at the 200, 300, or 400 level with at least two courses at the 400 level [c]		15
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 490	Seminar in Culture and Communication [d]	
COMM 491	Seminar in Media and Communication [d]	
Total Hours		**33**

a *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*
b *COMM 301 also fulfills the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*
c *Exclusive of COMM 490 and COMM 491. No more than 3 hours of COMM 474 or 3 hours of COMM 498 may be applied toward the major.*
d *Only one of the seminars, COMM 490 or COMM 491, may be applied toward the major in Communication.*
e *Students may not register in 100-, 200-, and 300-level COMM core courses concurrently. For example, students must complete COMM 101, COMM 102, and COMM 103 before they can register in COMM 301.*

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
	Hours	**13-15**
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication [a]	
COMM 102	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication [a]	
COMM 103	Introduction to Media [a]	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
	Hours	**16**
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication [a]	
COMM 102	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication [a]	
COMM 103	Introduction to Media [a]	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Electives		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring Semester		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication [a]	
COMM 102	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication [a]	
COMM 103	Introduction to Media [a]	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		2-5
Electives		3
	Hours	**15-18**
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
COMM 200	Communication Technologies	3
Quantitative Reasoning Requirement [b]		3-5
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		6
	Hours	**15-17**
Spring Semester		
COMM 301	Communication Research	3
COMM 2xx, 3xx, or 4xx [c,d]		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		6
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
COMM 2xx, 3xx, or 4xx [c,d]		3
COMM 2xx, 3xx, or 4xx [c,d]		3
Electives		9
	Hours	**15**

Spring Semester		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 490	Seminar in Culture and Communication [e]	
COMM 491	Seminar in Media and Communication [e]	
COMM 2xx, 3xx, or 4xx [c,d]		3
COMM 2xx, 3xx, or 4xx [c,d]		3
Electives		6
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**120**

a *Two of these courses may be used to satisfy two of the nine courses in the General Education Program.*
b *COMM 201 may be used to satisfy the LAS Quantitative Reasoning Requirement with a grade of C or better.*
c *Five Communication courses at the 200, 300, or 400 level with at least two courses at the 400 level.*
d *No more than 3 hours of either COMM 474 or COMM 498 may be applied toward the major.*
e *Only one of the seminars, COMM 490 or COMM 491, may be applied toward the major.*

Note: COMM 100, COMM 105, and COMM 140 do not count toward the major. Students may not register in 100-, 200-, and 300-level COMM core courses concurrently. For example, students must complete COMM 101, COMM 102, and COMM 103 before they can register for COMM 301.