

BA: Communication Studies

Communication is the study of the process of using messages to generate and share meaning across contexts, cultures, and channels. The Communication Studies major will help students develop in-demand job skills that will assist them in their career path. Our classes cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from interpersonal and conflict to intercultural and health communication, allowing students to directly apply what they learn in class to real world situations.

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Plan Recommendation Chart

	Hours	Course Number or Related Information
Perspectives Area: Formal Reasoning and Communication	9	
Mathematics and Formal Reasoning	3	Choice
English Composition	3	ENG 111 English Composition (or ENG 109)
Advanced Writing	3	Choice
Perspectives Area: Science and Society	12+	
Social Sciences #1	3	APC136 Intro to Interpersonal Communication
Social Sciences #2	3	Choice
Natural Science #1	3	Choice
Lab	1+	Choice
Natural Science #2	3	Choice
Perspectives Area: Arts and Humanities	6	
Creative Arts	3	Choice
Humanities	3	MJF105 Media Culture & You or Choice
Perspectives Area: Global Citizenship	12	
Ethical Citizenship and Leadership	3	Choice
Intercultural Consciousness	3	STC236 Intercultural Communication or Choice
Global Inquiry	3	Choice
Intercultural or Global	3	Choice – any Miami Plan Global Inquiry OR Intercultural Consciousness
Signature Inquiry	9	
Signature Inquiry #1	3	MJF105 Media Culture & You
Signature Inquiry #2	3	APC312 (major advanced elective choice)
Signature Inquiry #3	3	Choice
Knowledge in Action	3+	
Senior Capstone	3	APC401 Applied Communication Capstone
Experiential Learning	0+	BIS 315 or Internship

2025-26 Communication Studies Plan of Study

Year One

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENG111 College Composition	3	APC 136 Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3
STC135 Principles of Public Speaking	3	PA Mathematics and Formal Reasoning	3
PA Creative Arts	3	APC239 Theories of Communication	3
PA Global Citizenship	3	PA Humanities	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
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Total	16	Total	17

Year Two

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
MAJOR Communication Contexts	3	STC236 Intercultural Communication	3
PA Advanced Writing	3	PA Global Citizenship	3
PA Global Citizenship	3	PA Natural Science	3-4
PA Natural Science	3-4	SI Signature Inquiry or ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
Total	15-16	Total	15-16

Year Three

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
APC 361 Survey Research and Social Media Analysis	3	APC363 Adv Methods in Applied Communication	3
MAJOR Communication Contexts	3	MAJOR Communication Contexts	3
ELECTIVE	3		3
SI Signature Inquiry or ELECTIVE	3	KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION Experiential Learning (internship recommended)	0-3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
Total	15	Total	12-15

Year Four

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
MAJOR Communication Contexts	3	APC401 Applied Communication Capstone	3
PA Social Science	3	MAJOR Communication Contexts	3
PA Global Citizenship	3	SI Signature Inquiry or ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3+
Total	15	Total	15+

Note: There is a minimum of 124 hours required to graduate

For advising questions, please contact your assigned advisor or Regional Academic Advising at regadvising@MiamiOH.edu or 513-727-3440



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