English

CO majors need to pass English Composition I and II with a “C” or better.

Students with an ACT English sub-score of 28+ may take Accelerated English Comp. II and get credit for both English Composition classes. See your advisor or student handbook for more information.

Math

Students must pass College Algebra and one additional higher-level math. Most students take Trigonometry or Statistics as their second math.

The MSU Math Dept. requires a C or better in College Algebra to enroll in a higher-level math.

Students with an ACT Math sub-score of 24+ can take one math class to satisfy the math requirement. See your advisor or student handbook for more information.

Science

Students must pass one BIO course, one Physical Science course with a lab, and one third science (no lab required). All science courses must be “on core.” The list of “core” classes can be found on the CO Department website and in your CAPP report on Banner.

Foreign Language

Students must pass the third level of a foreign language. The first two levels aren’t required, but most students need to take the first two in order to pass the third level.

Humanities  EN, HI, PHI, REL & some AAS, FL, GS/WS

Students must take one History, one English Literature, and one Philosophy class PLUS three additional humanities electives.

The required History and English Literature class must be “on core.” The list of “core” classes can be found on the CO Department website and in your CAPP report on Banner.

The three electives must cover at least two areas of study. (*For example, a student can’t count three HI classes to meet the electives requirement.)

Social Sciences  AN, EC, GR, PSY, PS & some AAS, EN, FL, GS/WS

Students must take General Psychology, Introduction to World Geography, and Introduction to Sociology PLUS two additional social science electives.

Note: A student cannot count both EC 2113 Macroeconomics and EC 2123 Microeconomics for the two electives.

Public Relations

All communication students must take:

- CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory
- CO 1403 Introduction to Mass Media

Additionally, the following classes are required for public relations:

- CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing  
  Prerequisites: English Comp. I and II
- CO 3803 Principles of Public Relations
- CO 3813 Case Problems  
  Prerequisite: CO 3803 Principles of PR
- CO 3853 PR Writing  
  Prerequisites: CO 2413 News Writing and CO 3803 Principles of PR
- CO 3863 Public Relations Production  
  Prerequisite: CO 3853 PR Writing
- CO 4803 Research in PR and Advertising  
  Prerequisite: CO 3853 PR Writing
- CO 4813 PR in Organizations (*Not taught in summer)  
  Prerequisites: CO 3813 Case Problems and CO 3863 PR Production
- CO 4313 Mass Media Law  OR CO 4323 Mass Media & Society
- CO 2333 TV Prod.  OR CO 3403 Photo.  OR CO 3713 Digital Comm.
- CO 4253 Persuasion
- CO Upper Division Elective
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Upper Division Electives: “Upper Division” classes are labeled 3000-4000 level. Students are required to take 31 upper division hours in the College of Arts & Sciences. The public relations curriculum provides 33 hours of upper division classes if a student chooses Photography or Digital Comm. If TV Production is taken, the additional upper division hour may be made up with a humanities, social science, and/or general elective course.

General Electives: To graduate, a student must pass 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences classes and required communication classes. To reach 124 hours, students will need to take some general electives. See your advisor for more information.