



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

Arts & Sciences Requirements

English

- ___ EN 1103 English Comp I
- ___ EN 1113 English Comp II

CO majors must complete EN 1103 English Composition I and EN 1113 English Composition II with a grade of "C" or better.

Students with an ACT English sub-score of 28+ may take Accelerated English Composition II and with a grade of "C" or better earn credit for both English Composition classes. See your advisor or student handbook for more information.

Foreign Language

- ___ FL_ 1113 Foreign Language I
- ___ FL_ 1123 Foreign Language II
- ___ FL_ 2133 Foreign Language III

Students must complete the third level of a foreign language. The first two levels can count as general electives. Only the third level of a foreign language will satisfy this requirement.

Math

- ___ MA 1313 College Algebra
- ___ Second Math at a higher level

Students with an 18 or lower on the Math section of the ACT must first take MA 0103 Intermediate Algebra. The MSU Math Department requires a C or better in College Algebra to enroll in a higher-level math. Most students choose MA 1323 Trigonometry or MA 2113 Statistics as their second math.

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

Science

- ___ Biological Science with lab
- ___ Physical Science
- ___ Physical Science lab **Must correspond with class.*
- ___ Third Science **Lab not required.*

All science courses must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report. A list of core Science classes can also be found in your student handbook.

Humanities

- ___ History
- ___ Literature
- ___ Philosophy
- ___ Humanities elective
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The required History and Literature courses must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report. A list of core History and Literature courses can also be found in your student handbook. The nine hours of Humanities electives must cover at least two areas of study. A list of subjects that count as Humanities can be found in your student handbook and on your CAPP report.

**Students may need to take some of their Humanities and/or Social Science electives at the 3000-4000 level to satisfy Arts & Sciences Upper Division requirements. See the handout for your specific concentration area for more information.*

Social Sciences

- ___ GR 1123 Intro to World Geography
- ___ PSY 1013 General Psychology
- ___ SO 1003 Intro to Sociology
- ___ Social Science elective
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Students may only count 6 hours of credit in one subject area toward the Social Science requirements. Additionally, a student can count either EC 2113 Macroeconomics or EC 2123 Microeconomics toward the Social Science requirements but not both. A list of subjects that count as Social Sciences can be found in your student handbook and on your CAPP report.

Note: To graduate, a student must earn 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences classes and required Communication classes. Students will need to earn some general elective hours to reach 124 hours total. See your advisor for more information.



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Public Relations Requirements

All Communication students must take:

- ___ CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- ___ CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory
- ___ CO 1403 Introduction to Mass Media
- ___ CO 1503 Introduction to Theatre *See your advisor if another Fine Art was taken before becoming a CO major.

Additionally, the following classes are required for Public Relations students:

- ___ CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting
- ___ CO 3803 Principles of Public Relations
- ___ CO 3813 Case Problems
- ___ CO 3853 PR Writing
- ___ CO 3863 PR Production
- ___ CO 4253 Elements of Persuasion
- ___ CO 4803 Research in PR
- ___ CO 4813 PR in Organizations
- ___ CO 4313 Mass Media Law **or** CO 4323 Mass Media & Society
- ___ CO 2333 TV Production **or** CO 3403 Photographic Communication **or** CO 3713 Digital Communication
- ___ CO Upper Division Elective
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General Electives:

- ___ General Elective
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To graduate, a student must earn 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences and Communication courses. However, to reach 124 hours total, Public Relations students typically must earn 16-19 hours of general elective credit. The first two levels of a foreign language will count as six of these hours. Additional hours may come from Science labs. See your advisor for more information.

Upper Division Hours:

Upper Division classes are labeled at the 3000-4000 level. Students are required to take 31 upper division hours in the College of Arts & Sciences. The Public Relations curriculum provides 30-33 hours of upper division credit, depending on the choice made between TV Production, Photographic Communication and Digital Communication. If needed, additional hours may be earned by taking A&S upper division courses as Humanities electives, Social Science electives and/or general electives.

Prerequisites and Class Order:

The Public Relations curriculum follows a strict class order:

- CO 2413 News Writing and Reporting - prerequisite is EN 1113 or EN 1173 with a grade of "C" or better and passing the GSP exam
- CO 3813 Case Problems - prerequisite is CO 3803 with a grade of "C" or better
- CO 3853 PR Writing - prerequisites are CO 2413 and CO 3803, both with a grade of "C" or better
- CO 3863 PR Production - prerequisites are CO 2413 and CO 3853, both with a grade of "C" or better
- CO 4803 Research in PR - prerequisite is CO 3853 with a grade of "C" or better
- CO 4813 PR in Organizations - prerequisites are CO 3813 and CO 3863, both with a grade of "C" or better

*Students are advised to complete CO 4803 Research in PR before CO 4813 PR in Organizations.

**CO 4813 PR in Organizations is not offered during the summer term or as a DIS and should be taken at MSU.