



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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Communication Studies 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 Communication Studies students:

- CO 2253 Interpersonal Communication
- CO 3213 Small Group Communication
- CO 4203 Nonverbal Communication
- CO 4213 Political Communication
- CO 4223 Advanced Communication Theory
- CO 4243 Rhetorical Theory
- CO 4253 Elements of Persuasion
- CO 4313 Mass Media Law or CO 4323 Mass Media & Society
- CO Upper Division Elective
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General Electives:

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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, Communication Studies 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 Communication Studies curriculum provides 33 hours of upper division credit, thus meeting the Arts & Sciences requirement.

Prerequisites and Class Order:

CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory must be completed before CO 4203 Nonverbal Communication, CO 4223 Advanced Communication Theory and CO 4243 Rhetorical Theory. Communication Studies courses are offered on a rotating basis. As such, students should plan to take CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory as soon as possible and enroll in subsequent Communication Studies courses in the semesters in which they are available.