



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

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.