



Online Communication & Media Studies Requirements

Pre-Fall 2023

All Communication students must take:

- CO 1013 Introduction to Communication
- 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.

CMST students should take CO 1223 and CO 1403 as early as possible, as they are prerequisites for most upper division classes.

Additionally, the following classes are required for Communication & Media Studies students:

- CO 3223 Comm & Media Research Methods (Prerequisites: CO 1223, CO 1403 and passage of the departmental GSP exam)
- CMST Theory Course
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- CO Upper Division Elective
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- CO 4293 Comm & Media Studies Capstone (Prerequisites: CO 3223 and senior standing)

*CO 4053 Internship Comm can substitute, but must be approved by concentration faculty as capstone equivalent experience.

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 & Media 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. Communication & Media Studies students are required to take 31 upper division hours in the College of Arts & Sciences to meet graduation requirements.

Theory Course Options: CO 3233 Communication & Media Ethics, CO 4223 Adv. Comm Theory, CO 4243 Rhetorical Theory, CO 4253 Elements of Persuasion, CO 4924 Film Theory

Context Course Options: CO 2003 Race, Gender, Class & Global Media, CO 3833 Interviewing, CO 4043 Comm & Leadership, CO 4063 Family Communication, CO 4213 Political Comm, CO 4233 Gender & Media, CO 4313 Mass Media Law, CO 4323 Mass Media & Society, CO 4433 TV Criticism



Arts & Science 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.

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

- First math at a lower level**
MA 1313 College Algebra or MA 1213 Math in Your World

Students with an 18 or lower on the Math section of the ACT must first take MA 0103 Intermediate Algebra.

- Second math at a higher level**
If MA 1313 College Algebra is chosen as the first math, students can choose MA 1323 Trigonometry or MA 2113 Statistics as their second math.

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

- If MA 1213 Math in Your World is chosen as the first math, MA 2113 Statistics must be the second math.*

Students with an ACT Math sub-score of 24+ may qualify to take one math: Trigonometry/Statistics with credit for MA 1313 or Calculus (MA 1613 or 1713).

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, literature, and philosophy courses must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report or student handbook.

The nine hours of humanities electives must cover at least two areas of study.

Social Sciences

- GR 1123 Intro to World Geography**
- PSY 1013 General Psychology**
- SO 1003 Intro to Sociology**
- Social Science elective**
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The required social science electives must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report or student handbook.

Students may only count 6 hours of credit in one subject area toward the social science requirements.

Cannot use both EC 2113 Macroeconomics and EC 2123 Microeconomics toward the social science requirements.

Note: 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 your advisor for more information.