

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Communication, BA**

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (34-37 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding	Satisfied by COMM 305			
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3		
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by COMM 326, 362, or 454	0-3		
<b>College Level Requirements for the BA Degree</b>				
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
<b>Additional Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>		3		
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)				
<b>Foreign Language</b>		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
<b>Non-Western Culture</b>		3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
<b>Major Requirements (39 credits) Grade of "C" or better in all courses used to fulfill major requirements</b>				
<b>Major Core Courses (12 credits)</b>		Credits	Earned	Needed
COMM 200	Communication Theory	3		
COMM 300	Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3		
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication	3		
COMM 400	Research Methods in Communication	3		
<b>Major Concentration (21 credits)</b> Twenty-one credits in one of the following concentrations: Interpersonal and Organization Communication, Journalism, Media Production and Criticism, Political Communication, Public Relations				
Concentration Course # 1		3		
Concentration Course # 2		3		
Concentration Course # 3		3		
Concentration Course # 4		3		
Concentration Course # 5		3		
Concentration Course # 6		3		
Concentration Course # 7		3		
<b>Additional Communication courses (6 credits)</b> <i>COMM 100 and COMM 101 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement</i>				
Communication Major Elective #1		3		
Communication Major Elective #2		3		
<b>Degree Notes</b>				
No more than ten hours from the following may be included: COMM 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, 148, 157, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 348, 398, 450, 451, 452, 491, 498, 499. No more than six credits of COMM 450 or three credits of COMM 452 may be applied to the major. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				

<b>Year One – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
STAT 250 or MATH 106	3
AVT 180	3
HIST 100/125	3
PHIL/RELI course	3

<b>Year One – Semester Two</b>	<b>16 credits</b>
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Literature (if already taken ENGH 101)	3
ANTH 114	3
Natural Science with lab	4
Arts	3

<b>Year Two – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Foreign Language 110	6
Natural Science without lab	3
Social/Behavioral Science (not ANTH)	3
COMM 200, Communication Theory	3

<b>Year Two – Semester Two</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Foreign Language 201	3
Concentration course	3
Concentration course at 200 level: inquiry course	3
Minor #1 course	3
Minor #2 or elective course	3

<b>Year Three – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Foreign Language 202	3
COMM 300, Rhetorical Theory & Criticism	3
COMM 305, Foundations of Intercultural Communication	3
Concentration course	3
Minor #1 course	3

<b>Year Three – Semester Two</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
ENGH 302	3
Concentration course	3
Concentration course	3
Minor #1 course	3
Minor #2 or elective course	3

<b>Year Four – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
COMM 400/490, Research Methods in Communication (COMM 490 = Honors)	3
Synthesis	3
Concentration course	3
Minor #1 course	3
Minor #2 or elective course	3

<b>Year Four – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Concentration course	3
COMM elective (ex: internship)	3
COMM elective	3
Minor #1 course	3
Minor #2 or elective course	3

**Sophomore (Year Two) Summer (3-6 credits)**

Students are recommended to consider Milan or PR study abroad as COMM or concentration elective.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Communication majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan.