



## Undergraduate Degree Map for Completion in Four Years

<b>College:</b>	College of Arts and Humanities <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Department:</b>	Communication Studies <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Name of Program:</b>	COMMUNICATION STUDIES <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Degree Designation:</b>	BA <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Emphasis/Concentration:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Option:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Version:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Version Explanation:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Type of Program:</b>	Standard Major <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Minor Required:</b>	Yes <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Specific Minor (if required):</b>	A minor in a language is required, completed through the department of World Languages and Cultures

### Program Description:

A BA in Communication Studies allows students to explore how humans generate shared meaning through the use of verbal and nonverbal symbols, and to focus study in the areas of public speaking, presentation, rhetoric, and argumentation. This major is focused on preparing students to develop a more focused set of communication skills that will enhance their written as well as oral skills, and to apply theory in ways that will enhance the effectiveness of their use of messages and the quality of their lives across a variety of contexts (e.g., within the workplace, family, civic, and social situations).

### Admission Requirements:

Admission to the major is granted by the department. Minimum University admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours,
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and once in the program
- a cumulative GPA of 2.2 must be maintained in the major courses.

Contact the department for application procedures (Armstrong Hall 230; 507-389-2213).

### Advising:

You are expected to meet with your advisor on a regular basis to ensure courses are taken in an order that will lead to successful completion of the degree.

To find out who your adviser is, please call and talk with the department administrative assistant at 507-389-2213.

A complete listing of program faculty, policies, and course descriptions is available in the undergraduate bulletin.

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 15 credit hours
???	???	General Education Goal #1a: English Composition	3	complete this course as soon as possible
CMST	102	General Education Goal #1b: Speech & Oral Reasoning	3	taking CMST 102 will also fulfill a core course requirement for the CMST major
????	???	General Education Goal #5: History/Social & Behavioral Science	3-4	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments
????	???	General Education Goal #6: Humanities & the Arts	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments; avoid CMST 310 for this goal, take it instead as a major elective later if you are interested
????	???	General Education Goal #3: Natural Science (course with a Lab)	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments
FYEX	100	General Education Goal #12: First Year Experience	0-1	this is not required, but is beneficial for many students

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#### Term 1 Notes:

Special Note: you can only take up to 2 courses from the same department to complete your General Education requirements, so if you take two CMST courses this semester, then you need to avoid additional CMST courses to fulfill the General Education goals that remain; Writing Intensive - you must take two writing intensive courses in order to graduate.

\*Regarding the diverse Cultures requirement: In addition, please remember that you need to take two (2) courses that are categorized as "Diverse Cultures" (either one course each from the Purple and Gold categories; or, two (2) courses from the Purple category). To help you meet this criteria, General Education Goal #5, &, and \* include the majority of the Diverse Cultures courses - you could look in these categories as you select your General Education courses to make sure you are also meeting the Diverse Cultures criteria at the same time.\*

### TERM 2 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 30 credit hours Advance to Sophomore status
????	???	General Education Goal #4: Math/Logical Reasoning	3	pick from any of the courses listed in this category
CMST	101W	General Education Goal #2: Critical Thinking	4	taking CMST 101W will also fulfill a preliminary course requirement for the CMST major; and it will fulfill a Writing Intensive course requirement as well
????	???	General Education Goal #3: Natural Science (course without a Lab)	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments
????	???	General Education Goal #6: Humanities & the Arts	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments; avoid CMST 310 for this goal, take it instead as a major elective later if you are interested

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				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 30 credit hours Advance to Sophomore status
????	???	General Education Goal #5: History/Social & Behavioral Science	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, and the courses must be from different departments

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### Term 2 Notes:

Remember: you can only take up to 2 courses from the same department to complete your General Education requirements, so if you have taken two CMST courses to fulfill General Education requirements already, then you need to avoid additional CMST courses.

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Cultures criteria at the same time \*

## TERM 3 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
????	???	General Education Goal #7: Human Diversity	3	avoid CMST 203 for this goal, take it later to fulfill a preliminary course for the CMST major - choose any other course listed from this category
????	???	General Education Goal #8: Global Perspectives	3	pick from any of the courses listed in this category
????	???	General Education Goal #9: Ethical & Civic Responsibility	3	avoid CMST 300 for this goal, take it later to fulfill an elective course for the CMST major if this topic interests you - choose any other course listed from this category
????	???	General Education Goal #10: People & the Environment	3	pick from any of the courses listed in this category
????	???	General Education Goal #11: Performance & Participation	2-3	avoid CMST 220 and 310 for this goal, take it later to fulfill an elective course for the CMST major if this topic interests you - choose any other course listed for this category

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### Term 3 Notes:

Remember: You can only take up to 2 courses for the same department to complete your General Education requirements, so if you have taken two CMST courses to fulfill General Education requirements already, then you need to avoid additional CMST courses to fulfill the General Education goals that remain; Writing Intensive - you must take two writing intensive courses in order to graduate. DON'T FORGET - you could apply to the major at this point.

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## TERM 4 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 60 credit hours Advance to Junior status
????	???	World Languages - Course(s) to fulfill minor requirements	5-10	consider the importance of starting your language minor, formally declare it so that you can track your progress through your DARS report
????	???	Writing Intensive	3-8	depending on what you have already taken, you only need two (2) writing intensive courses to graduate - this requirement may already be filled by courses you have taken to complete your General Education goals (for example, CMST 101W)
????	???	General Education Goal #13: Information Technology	0-2	this is not required, but is beneficial for many students
????	???	300-400 level courses, either in major/minor or across any department on campus	3-4	students are required to complete 40 credits at the 300-400 level in order to graduate

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#### Term 4 Notes:


Remember: you can only take up to 2 courses from the same department to complete your General Education requirements, you need to choose courses from other departments if you have already taken two CMST courses to complete the General Education goal requirements.

\*After this term, you should have all of your General education goal requirements completed - that leaves the remaining two years for you to complete the major and minor courses, and in the process complete at least 40 credits at the 300-400 level.

\*\*DON'T FORGET - you should apply to the major and to your minor at this point if you have not already done so!!

### TERM 5 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Apply for Graduation
CMST	150	Introduction to Argument	4	fulfills a core requirement for the major
CMST	190	Introduction to Communication Studies	4	fulfills a core requirement for the major
CMST	203	Intercultural Communication	4	fulfills a preliminary course requirement for the major
????	???	select a course to complete your minor in a language	3-4	fulfills a minor course requirement

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#### Term 5 Notes:

After this term, you should have all of your General Education goal requirements completed - that leaves the remaining semesters for you to complete the major and minor courses, and in the process complete at least 40 credits at the 300-400 level. DON'T FORGET - you should be designated as a student in the major at this point!! And you should have a minor in a language selected.

### TERM 6 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67% Completion of ≥ 90 credit hours Advance to Senior status
CMST	300 or 321	Ethics and Free Speech or Argumentation and Debate	4	selecting one of these courses will fulfill the "Argument & Ethics" restricted electives requirement for the major
CMST	310 or 333 or 409	Performance of Literature or Advanced Public Communication or Performance Studies	4	select one of these courses to contribute to the "Presentation & Performance" restricted elective requirement for the major
CMST	???	a 300-level course for the minor in a language	4	select one more of these courses to fulfill a requirement for the minor
????	???	a 300-level course for the minor in a language	3-4	fulfills a requirement for the minor

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#### Term 6 Notes:

After this term, you should have all of your General Education goal requirements completed - that leaves the remaining semesters for you to complete the major and minor courses, and in the process complete at least 40 credits at the 300-400 level. DON'T FORGET - you should be designated as a student in the major at this point!! And, you should have a minor designated as well. PLANNING FOR GRADUATION - you should consider applying for graduation this semester (the Registrar likes you to do this 1 year prior to your anticipated graduation term).

### TERM 7 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67%
CMST	415	Topics in Rhetoric and Culture	4	select this courses to contribute to the "Rhetoric" restricted elective requirement for the major
CMST	310 or 333 or 409	Performance of Literature or Advanced Public Communication or Performance Studies	4	select one more of these courses to fulfill 1 the "Presentation & Performance" restricted elective requirement for the major
????	???	300-400 level course for the minor in a language	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor
????	???	300-400 level course for the minor in a language	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor

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#### Term 7 Notes:

### TERM 8 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67%
CMST	415	Topics in Rhetoric and Culture	4	repeat this courses 9it can be taken more than once because the topic will change each semester) to complete the "Rhetoric" restricted elective requirement for the major

Designator:	Course:	Course Name:	Credits:	Milestones:
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67%
CMST	485	Senior Seminar	4	completes the required core for the major
????	???	300-400 level course for the minor in a language	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor
????	???	300-400 level course for the minor in a language	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor

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#### Term 8 Notes:

Graduation should be happening this semester - be sure to check with the Registrar that all of your courses are in order, that you have met all of the necessary requirements, and that you have the necessary number of credits at the 300-400 level.

### PROGRAM NOTES

Keep in mind that summer courses are offered - taking summer courses can shorten your time on campus, depending on how many you take in the summer (typically a few of the core required courses are offered in the summer). The summer course offerings are typically online, so that students can return to jobs and families that may not be in the Mankato area.

### DEGREE MAP CHECKLIST: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Minimum of 15 credits per semester
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. General Education = 44 credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Diverse Cultures = 2 course (6 credits minimum) from two disciplines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Writing Intensive = 2 courses (6 credits minimum)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Major = <input type="text" value="35"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Upper-Division Requirements = 40 credits minimum
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Professional Education (if required) = 30 credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Language Requirements (if BA) = 8 credits minimum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Minor = <input type="text" value="24"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Total credits required for degree <input type="text" value="120"/>

### DEGREE MAP COMPLETE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map is complete and ready for review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty please send an email to your Department Chair when map is ready to review.</li> <li>2. Department Chair please send an email to your Dean when map is ready to review.</li> <li>3. Dean please send an email to the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies when map is ready to review.</li> </ol>
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### DEAN APPROVAL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map reviewed and approved by Dean
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