



Undergraduate Degree Map for Completion in Four Years

College:	College of Arts and Humanities <input type="button" value="v"/>
Department:	Communication Studies <input type="button" value="v"/>
Name of Program:	COMMUNICATION STUDIES <input type="button" value="v"/>
Degree Designation:	BS <input type="button" value="v"/>
Emphasis/Concentration:	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Option:	<input type="text"/>
Version:	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Version Explanation:	<input type="text"/>
Type of Program:	Broad Major <input type="button" value="v"/>
Minor Required:	Yes <input type="button" value="v"/>
Specific Minor (if required):	<input type="text"/>

Program Description:

A BS in Communication Studies allows students to explore how humans generate shared meaning through the use of verbal and nonverbal symbols, and to develop confidence and effectiveness in public speaking, interpersonal, organizational, and intercultural communication contexts. This major is focused on preparing students to develop a broad set of communication 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
ENG	101	General Education Goal #1a: English Composition	3	try to complete this requirement as soon as possible!
CMST	102	General Education Goal #1b: Speech & Oral Reasoning	3	taking CMST 102 will also fulfill a preliminary course requirement for the CMST major
????	???	General Education Goal #5: History/Social & Behavior Science	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 courses both from the Purple category). To help you meet this criteria, General Education Goal #5, 7, and 8 include a 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	3	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 #5: History/Social & Behavioral Science	3	students must take 2 courses in this goal area, but the courses must be from different departments
????	???	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	

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				Overall GPA \geq 2.0 Course Completion Rate \geq 67% Completion of \geq 30 credit hours Advance to Sophomore status
				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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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 to fulfill the General Education goals that remain; Writing Intensive - you must take two writing intensive courses in order to graduate.

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TERM 3 - FALL

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				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 preliminary course for CMST major - choose any other course listed for 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 for 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 or 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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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
????	???	300-400 level courses, either in major/minor or across any department on campus	12-16	students are required to complete 40 credits at the 300-400 level in order to graduate
????	???	General Education Goal #13: Information Technology	0-2	this is not required, but is beneficial for many students

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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, otherwise you need to choose courses that are not offered from the CMST department to complete the General Education goal requirements. After this term, you could 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 at this point!!

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 Argumentation	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	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 selected.

TERM 6 - 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 90 credit hours Advance to Senior status
CMST	2??	a 200-level CMST course	4	fulfills an elective requirement for the major
CMST	290	Research Methods	4	fulfills a core requirement for the major
CMST	3??	a 300-level CMST elective course	4	fulfills an elective requirement for the major
????	3??	a 300-level course for the minor	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 \geq 2.0 Course Completion Rate \geq 67%
CMST	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course to fulfill the Theory Block	4	fulfills a core requirement for the major
CMST	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course to fulfill a major elective	4	fulfills an elective requirement for the major
CMST	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course to fulfill a major elective	4	fulfills an elective requirement for the major
????	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course for the minor	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor

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Term 7 Notes:

This may be a great semester to complete an internship (498) - you can register for internship credits to fulfill electives for the major. a total of 8 credits in internship can be applied to the major electives.
 DON'T FORGET - you must complete at least 40 credits at the 300-400 level in order to graduate.
 PLANNING FOR GRADUATION - if you haven't already done so - apply for graduation through the Registrar's office!

TERM 8 - 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%
CMST	485	Senior Seminar	4	completes the required core for the major
????	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course for the minor	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor
????	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course for the minor	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor
????	3??-4??	a 300-400 level course for the minor	4	fulfills a requirement for the minor

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Term 8 Notes:

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 offered online, so that students can return to jobs and families that may not be in the Mankato area. Internships are great opportunities to earn major elective credits over the summer as well - and you can participate in an internship anywhere (you don't need to limit yourself to Mankato or the surrounding companies/organizations). Speak to your adviser regarding your interest in an internship.

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="36"/> 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="18"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Total credits required for degree <input type="text"/>

DEGREE MAP COMPLETE

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

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