College of Arts, Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences

Bloomsburg LOCK HAVEN MANSFIELD
COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Communication Studies

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year			
Fall Courses	**Credits**	**Spring Courses**	**Credits**
COMM 101 Public Speaking (Oral Comm GE)	3	COMM 102 Interpersonal Communication	3
General Education Course	3	COMM 103 Small Group Communication	3
General Education Course	3	Foundations Writing Course (General Education)	3
Foundations Quantitative (General Education)	3	General Education Course	3
FYS 100 First Year Seminar (FYS GE)	3	General Education Course	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
Second Year			
Fall Courses	**Credits**	**Spring Courses**	**Credits**
COMM 200 Intercultural Communication	3	COMM 208 Comm Research Methods	3
COMM 207 Communication Theory	3	COMM 3xx/4xx Major Course #1	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
Third Year			
Fall Courses	**Credits**	**Spring Courses**	**Credits**
COMM 209 Rhetorical Criticism	3	COMM 3xx/4xx Major Course #3	3
COMM 3xx/4xx Major Course #2	3	COMM 3xx/4xx Major Course #4	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
Fourth Year			
Fall Courses	**Credits**	**Spring Courses**	**Credits**
COMM 497 Communication Capstone	3	COMM Internship	3
COMM 4xx Major Course #5	3	COMM 4xx Major Course #6	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

Required Foundational Courses (18 credits)

___ COMM 102 Interpersonal Communication (3)
___ COMM 103 Small Group Communication (3)
___ COMM 200 Intercultural Communication (3)
___ COMM 207 Communication Theory (3)
___ COMM 208 Communication Research Methods * (3)
___ COMM 209 Rhetorical Criticism * (3)

Additional Major Coursework (18 Credits)

Students are encouraged to select a focus area in consultation with their advisor as they develop their academic plan. Additional coursework must be at the 300- or 400-level. At least 6 credits (2 courses) MUST be at the 400-level.

___ COMM _____ * (3)
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___ COMM _____ * (3)
___ COMM 4_____ * (3)
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Required Capstone Experiences (6 credits)

___ COMM 497 Communication Capstone* (3)
___ COMM 498 Communication Internship*

Internship may be completed for 3-9 credits, additional credits above 3 count as general elective credits. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement for the Internship must complete an additional 400-level course.

*Denotes advanced coursework
Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
  - COMM 101 Public Speaking
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility
  (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (a minimum of 42 credits must be advanced coursework), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	☐ Online; ☒ In-person; ☒ Blended
Lock Haven	☐ Online; ☒ In-person; ☒ Blended
Mansfield	☐ Online; ☐ In-person; ☐ Blended