



COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Four-Year Curriculum for Communication Studies

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts with a major in Communication Studies

Total Credits Required: To obtain this undergraduate degree, the student must fulfill the requirements of the University Core Curriculum, the requirements for the program major and complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.

*This is a sample sequence of course offerings for students enrolled in Fall 2025 or later. Classes may not be offered in this exact order. Please consult your advisor prior to registration. **

Year 1 – Fall

	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST 1110</u>	Mass Communication	3
Core: A2: English		3
Core: B1: Math		3
Core or Electives		6--9

Year 1 - Winter

	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST 1120</u>	Visual Communication	3
Core or Electives		12--15

Year 2 - Fall

	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST Relational</u>	One course from: <u>CST 2040</u> , <u>CST 3040</u> , or <u>CST 3140</u>	3
<u>CST Writing</u>	One course from: <u>CST 2030</u> , <u>CST 2230</u> , <u>CST 3240</u> , or <u>CST 3400</u>	3
Core or Electives		9--12

Year 2 - Winter

	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST 3000</u>	Mass Media Ethics	3
<u>CST Elective</u>		3
Core or Electives		9--12

Year 3 - Fall	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST Research</u>	One course from: <u>HIS 2910</u> or <u>STA 2250</u>	3
<u>CST Elective</u>		3
Core or Electives		9--12

Year 3 - Winter	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST Elective</u>		3
Core or Electives		12--15

Year 4 - Fall	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST Elective</u>		3
Core or Electives		12--15

Year 4 - Winter	Course Title	Credits
<u>CST 4990</u>	Capstone Seminar	3
Core or Electives		12--15

Total credit hours - 120

Notes:

*Students have flexibility in the selection of Core Curriculum courses based on the university class schedule.

The Communication Studies major is required to:

1. Complete a total of 36 credit hours in Communication Studies (CST), excluding **CST 1010**, only 12 of which may be from independent studies. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in CST at Detroit Mercy.
2. Complete at least 15 of those 36 credit hours in courses at the 3000/4000 level.
3. Submit a **portfolio** in the senior year.

CST Electives: Choose at least five additional **CST courses** (15 credits). Three CST courses (excluding CST 3000 and CST 4990 which are required) must be at the 3000-4000 level.

Advising

Students must meet with their academic advisor **each semester** to have their advising hold removed. This meeting is required in order to register for classes for the upcoming term.