

Notes

- Students are required to complete 40 credit hours for the major and concentration.
- Students should complete the three course core by the end of the second year of study in a four-year program.

Step One: Core

Majors will complete a core of the following courses.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Complete
COMM 121	Visual Communication	4	
COMM 122	Media Writing Bootcamp	4	
COMM 124	Media, Messages and Society	4	

Step Two: Developmental Coursework

Majors will complete the following courses. These courses may be taken concurrently with Core or consent of instructor.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Complete
COMM 260	Journalism	4	
COMM 263	Broadcast, Narrowcast, and Interactivity	4	
COMM 265	Editing Copy and Proof	4	
COMM 320	Media and the First Amendment	4	

Step Three: Required Electives

Student must take THREE electives, at least one at the 300-level. These courses may be taken concurrently with Core.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	
	4	
	4	

- COMM 163 Radio Operations
- COMM 181 Public Speaking and Group Discussion
- COMM 244 Web 1: Design for the World Wide Web
- COMM 262 Media Convergence
- COMM 269 Globalization: Intercultural Communication
- COMM 310 In-Depth Storytelling for the Digital Age
- COMM 312 Health Communications
- COMM 315 Blogging/Op-ed Writing
- COMM 322 Video Journalism
- COMM 323 Digital Cultures: Communication and Social Media
- COMM 327 Culture of the News
- COMM 328 Special Topics in Communications (when appropriate)

Step Four: Capstone

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Complete
COMM 344	Senior Seminar/Storytelling	4	

Step Five: Independent Learning Requirement

Students majoring in Communications have four options to complete the departmental requirement of 8 credits of independent learning. They may earn these credits from the following course: COMM 350 Independent Study, COMM 370/380 Internship/Field Experience or COMM 390 Studio 5.

Course(s) Selected	Credits	Complete

PLAN Requirements

The Simmons PLAN is the undergraduate core curriculum. Some PLAN courses will be fulfilled with courses required for this major, as indicated below. Additional PLAN requirements may be fulfilled through electives, courses in minors or other course offerings. Work closely with your advisor(s) to choose courses.

Year	Semester	Course Title	Credits	Complete	
One	Fall	BOS 101: The Boston Course	4		
		SIM 101: The Simmons Course: Explore	2		
	Spring	LDR 101: The Leadership Course	4		
Two	Fall or Spring	The Learning Community: Two discipline courses & one integrative seminar	8		
		SIM 201: The Simmons Course: Experience	1		
Three	Fall or Spring	SIM 301: The Simmons Course: Excel	1		
Three & Four	Fall or Spring	3D*– Design Across Diverse Disciplines	12		
Any	Requirement		Course Selected		
	Language: Two semesters in the same language, taken sequentially and strongly encouraged to complete within their first two years.			4	
	Quantitative Literacy (QL)			4	
	Key Content Areas** (KCAs)	Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)	COMM 121	4	
		Global Cultural (GC)		4	
		Scientific Inquiry (SCI)		4	
		Social and Historical (SH)	COMM 124	4	

*3D– Design Across Diverse Disciplines– requirement may be met with one course in your major, and two additional courses that may also count as KCAs.

**KCAs – May be covered by Major, Learning Community and/or 3D courses.

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