



ADVISING WORKSHEET
BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION
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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

General Education Category	Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)					
A. Mathematics (3 credits)					
B. English (3 credits)					
C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)					
D. Skills for College Success ¹ (1 credit)	COLS 108				
Category II: Natural Sciences ² (6 credits)					
A. Life Sciences (3 credits)					
B. Physical Sciences (3 credits)					
Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)					
A. Social Science (3 credits)					
B. History (3 credits)					
Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)					
Category V: Arts & Humanities (6 credits)					
A. Fine Arts (3 credits)					
B. Humanities (3 credits)					

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A minimum grade of “C-” required in all General Education courses.

Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of “C” in General Education courses.

Reviewed:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS 10 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A - Mathematics 3 credits

M	105	Contemporary Mathematics	3
M	114	Extended Technical Mathematics	3
M	121	College Algebra	3
M	122	College Trigonometry	3
M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
M	140	College Math for Healthcare	3
M	143	Finite Mathematics	4
M	161	Survey of Calculus	3
M	171	Calculus I	4
STAT	141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts	3
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4

Subcategory B - English 3 credits

WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
WRIT	121	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
WRIT	122	Introduction to Business Writing	3

Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy 3 credits

BMIS	150	Cyber Security and Electronic Communication	3
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMX	115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMX	210	Communication in Small Groups	3
HONR	205	Honors Inquiry and Research	3
LSCI	125	Research in the Information Age	3

Subcategory D – Skills for College Success ¹ 1 credit

COLS	108	The College Experience	
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CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences, which include lab exercises. ²

Subcategory A – Life Sciences 3 credits

BIOB	101	Discover Biology ³	3
BIOB	102	Discover Biology Lab ³	1
BIOB	120	Fundamentals of Biology Plants and People ³	3
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health	3
BIOB	123	Fund of Biology: The Nature of Nutrition	3
BIOB	160	Principles of Living Systems	3
BIOB	161	Principles of Living Systems Lab ³	1
SCIN	101	Integrated Sciences I ^{3^}	4

Subcategory B – Physical Sciences 3 credits

ASTR	110	Introduction to Astronomy	3
ASTR	111	Introduction to Astronomy Lab ³	1
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab ³	1
CHMY	141	College Chemistry I	3
CHMY	142	College Chemistry Laboratory I ³	1
GEO	101	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
GEO	102	Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory ³	1
GEO	112	Montana Geology	3
GPHY	262	Spatial Sciences Technology & Applications	3
GPHY	263	Spatial Sciences & Technology Lab ³	1
PHSX	103	Our Physical World ³	3
PHSX	104	Our Physical World Lab ³	1
PHSX	205	College Physics I	3
PHSX	206	College Physics I Lab ³	1
SCIN	103	Integrated Sciences II ^{3^}	4

CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Social Sciences 3 credits

BGEN	105	Introduction to Business	3
COMX	106	Communicating in a Dynamic Workplace	3
ECNS	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECNS	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EDU	105	Education and Democracy	3
HTH	110	Personal Health and Wellness	3
PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI	101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI	201	Social Problems	3

Subcategory B - History 3 credits

HSTA	101	American History I	3
HSTA	102	American History II	3
HSTR	159	World History to 1500 CE	3
HSTR	160	Modern World History	3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations	3

CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 credits

ANTY	220	Culture and Society	3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture	3
COMX	212	Intro to Intercultural Communication	3
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues	3
LIT	230	World Literature Survey	3
MUSI	207	World Music	3
NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
REHA	201	Introduction to Diversity in Counseling	3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest	3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition	3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society	3

CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Fine Arts 3 credits

ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-majors	3
CRWR	240	Intro Creative Writing Workshop	3
FILM	160	Introduction to World Cinema	3
LIT	270	Film & Literature	3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic	1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB	1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus	1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography	3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theatre	3

Subcategory B - Humanities 3 credits

ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding	3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
PHL	254	People and Politics	3

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³ Course includes lab exercises.

[^] Elementary Education majors can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking SCIN 101 and SCIN 103.

Course			Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Communication Core Requirements						
COMX	300	Exploring Communication Studies	3			
COMX	320	Principles of Organizational Communication	3			
COMX	330	Principles of Media Studies	3			
COMX	341	Public Advocacy	3			
COMX	351	Principles of Public Relations	3			
COMX	400	Communication Theory	3			
COMX	401	Communication Law and Ethics	3			
COMX	426	Leadership and Communication	3			
COMX	431	New Media Skills	3			
COMX	460	Research Methods	3			
COMX	481	Campaign Planning	3			
COMX	499	Capstone	3			

Emphases

Select one emphasis from the following:

Media Studies Emphasis

COMX	435	Media Criticism	3			
COMX	482	Gender, Media, and Society	3			
Communication Elective (Select from list below)			3			

Organizational Communication Emphasis

COMX	424	Risk Crisis and Communication	3			
COMX	427	Organizations and Diversity	3			
Communication Elective (Select from list below)			3			

Public Relations Emphasis

JRNL	270	Reporting the News	3			
COMX	456	Case Studies in Public Relations	3			
Communication Elective (Select from list below)			3			

Note: Substitutions can be made with advisor's consent. Students must earn a grade of "C" or above in courses used to satisfy major or minor requirements in the Communication Department. The Department of Communication offers a BA in Communication Arts online. Check the university website for details at www.msubillings.edu.

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; students should check the course descriptions for required prerequisites.

Language Requirement (14-15 credits)

Bachelor of Arts Majors in Communication are encouraged to consider taking two years of a modern language.

The Department of Communication offers the following four options for the modern language requirement:

1. Complete the standard language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts for a total of 14 credits.
2. Complete the 101-102 active skills sequence in one foreign language plus six credits of cultural studies courses selected from **List One** (below) for a total of 14 credits.
3. Complete 101-102 active skills sequence in one foreign language and six credits in statistical and research method selected from **List Two** (below) for a total of 14 credits.
4. Complete six credits in statistical and research methods selected from **List Two** (below) along with nine credits selected from **List One** for a total of 15 credits.

Language Requirement

List One:*(Other Cultural Studies in consultation with Advisor)*

Course Number	Title	Credits			
SPNS 150	The Hispanic Tradition*	3			
ANTY 220	Culture & Philosophy*	3			
PHL 271	Indian Philosophies & Religions*	3			
PHL 272	Chinese Philosophies & Religions*	3			
RLST 303	Greek & Roman Mythology	3			
NASX	Select from Offerings	3			

List Two:*(Other statistical and methods courses in consultation with Advisor)*

Course Number	Title	Credits			
STAT 141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts*	3			
STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics*	4			
STAT 341	Introduction to Probability & Statistics	4			

*May satisfy General Education requirement.

Communication Electives*Select courses to fulfill remaining elective credits, in consultation with Advisor.*

COMX 340	Visual Rhetoric	3			
COMX 420	Issues in Organizational Communication	3			
COMX 434	Political Communication	3			
COMX 436	Pop Culture and Cultural Studies	3			
COMX 438	Multicultural Mass Communication	3			
COMX 452	Issues in Public Relations	3			
COMX 480	Health Communication	3			
COMX 491	Special Topics	3			
COMX 492	Independent Study	1-3			
COMX 498	Internship/Cooperative Education	1-9			

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Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education Requirements	31	_____	_____
Communication Arts Requirements	45	_____	_____
Language Requirement	14-15	_____	_____
Electives	29-30	_____	_____
Total	120	_____	_____

It is the student's responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation.
A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).