

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Course prerequisite(s) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Program description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course description | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Drop program(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: Fall 2023

Appropriate computer abbreviation if
course title is more than 30 spaces:

Briefly summarize the change requested:

The Department of Communication Studies will no longer offer the COMM-BA as a degree plan option starting Fall 2023. This change is a result of departmental assessment efforts.

Programs Only COMM-BA

Program Name: _____

Current Code: _____ Proposed New Code (list 2): _____ or _____
(ex: INDE-BFA)

Can have second major: ____ Yes ____ No

Current 6-digit CIP Code: _____

Does the change require a new or change in CIP code? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what is the proposed 6-digit CIP code? _____

*for reference, please visit: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?v=56>

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

Communication Studies, BS/BA

Communication Studies, BS

Requirements

The BA with a major in communication studies consists of 120 semester hours with 27 hours in communication studies, including the four required courses:

(all reference to the BA program will be eliminated).

COMM10123 — Communicating Effectively (3 hours)

or

COMM 10163 — Public Address (Honors) (3 hours)

COMM 20113 — Interpersonal Communication (3 hours)

COMM 20223 — Communication Theory (3 hours)

COMM 30163 — Organizational Communication (3 hours)

It is expected that these four courses will be completed within the first 18 hours of COMM coursework.

Note: Students must complete COMM 20113 and COMM 20223 with a combined GPA of 2.5 or higher to enroll in COMM 30163.

Additional requirements include the BA language requirement, a minor of 18 semester hours or a second major, plus core curriculum requirements.

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?

The Department of Communication Studies has offered both a BS and a BA degree plan options. Recent assessment efforts have demonstrated curricular and learning outcome overlap between the two plans. We believe students would be best served by a more efficient structure, and the remaining Bachelor of Science program is robust enough to accommodate departmental goals and objectives.

2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.

By dropping the BA degree plan options, the department will be able to more clearly assess learning objectives and outcomes in the major. Students currently pursuing the BA will be allowed to continue under their catalog requirements. We do not anticipate these changes to impact timely completion of their degrees. By focusing solely on the BS degree plan, we can continue to more efficiently plan, deliver, and assess our curriculum.

3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? YES
If yes, list additional resources needed. NO

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.



Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit