

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

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 requires BS students to complete a four course core as part of the degree plan. Currently prerequisites for 40000 level classes are tied to specific courses rather than completion of those core classes. We seek to change that language so it is clear students must complete the four core classes before enrolling in 40000 level classes, three of which are required for degree completion. This will help advising as well as departmental assessment efforts.

Programs Only

Program Name: COMM-BS _____

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).

Communication Studies, BS
Requirements

The BS with a major in communication studies consists of 120 semester hours with 36 hours in communication studies, including the four required courses:

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)

Students pursuing the BS degree must also complete 9 hours of 40000 level COMM electives. Students must also complete: MATH 10043 or INSC 20153 with a grade of "C-" or higher.

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

Students must complete COMM 30163 with a grade of "C-" or higher prior to taking any 40000 level courses.

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

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

Recent assessment effort have identified areas where the department can improve our communication with students. The intent of our 40000 level classes is to serve as capstone courses for students at the end of their coursework. The current prerequisite listings make it appear that individual courses function as the prerequisite when the goal is to have the four course core requirements as a prerequisite. this catalog change clarifies the intent which will be beneficial to students in understanding their degree plan, advisors who are helping students plan their future enrollments, and our assessment efforts for the COMM-BS.

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

By clarifying course progress, we will be able to focus assessment efforts for both the core requirements as well as the 40000 level capstones. Assessment can examine outcomes more programmatically rather than granularly at the course level.

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.

The department chair, administrative assistant, and College advisors will create messaging for students and faculty to educate them on the change.

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

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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