COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES (BA)

Arts and Technologies

The BA in Communication and Media Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students to investigate communication processes and effects from a variety of perspectives. Students receive a broad-based liberal arts education through a series of courses that offers significant opportunities for selecting classes to meet individual interests and needs.

The BA degree provides students with a solid understanding of communication technology, theory, and research methods as part of a common 20 credit core. In addition, students complete a four credit production requirement and a 16 credit option in either Media Studies or Professional Communication. A minimum of 20 credits in the major must be completed at the 3000/4000 level.

Credits

Degree Requirements

Course

Title

Major Requireme	ents	
CM 2000	Studies in Communication and Media (TECO)	4
CM 2006	Intercultural Communication	4
CM 3645	Communication Theory (WRCO)	4
CM 4655	Communication Research Methods (QRCO)	4
CM 4905	Senior Seminar	4
Production Requ	irement	4
Courses from thi Option list.	s category cannot double count for courses in the	
Complete one	course from the following:	
CM 2995	Professional Social Media	
CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3125	Communicating Through Animation (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3750	Film and Video Production Techniques	
CM 3760	Narrative Film-making	
General Education education/)	on (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-	
EN 1400	Composition	4
IS 1115	Tackling a Wicked Problem	4
MA (https:// coursecatalog.pl general- education/ #MATH)	Mathematics Foundations yı	3-4
CTDI (https:// coursecatalog.pl general- education/#CTD	•	3-4
PPDI (https:// coursecatalog.pl general- education/ #PPDI)	Past and Present Direction	3-4

SIDI (https:// Scientific Inquiry Direction coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SIDI)	3-4
SSDI (https:// Self and Society Direction coursecatalog.plyi general-education/#SSDI)	3-4
Directions (choose from CTDI, PPDI, SIDI, SSDI) (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/) 1	4-8
DICO (https:// Diversity Connection coursecatalog.plyi general-education/#DICO)	3-4
INCP (https:// Integrated Capstone coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/ general-education/#INCP)	3-4
WECO (https:// Wellness Connection coursecatalog.plyi general-education/#WECO)	3-4
GACO (https:// Foreign Language ² coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/ general-education/ #GACO)	6-8
Electives	22-34
Option Requirements	
Complete one from the following required options:	20
Media Studies	
Professional Communication	
Total Credits	120

- Directions should total 20 credits (unless the major has a waiver for a specific Direction).
- The foreign language requirement for all BA degrees calls for 0-8 credits: one year of one language (6-8 credits); or one 3000/4000 level world language course (3 credits); or being a native speaker of a language other than English (zero credit). American Sign Language I and II fulfill this requirement; however, American Sign Language does not satisfy the Global Awareness Connection.

Media Studies Option of BA Communication and Media Studies

The Option in Media Studies enables students to explore media history, theory, criticism, and production in relation to a variety of media forms, including film, television, and emerging technologies. Students learn to effectively analyze, create, and understand the effects of media offerings of all kinds. They are also introduced, through regular course topics and screenings, to a wide range of noteworthy media offerings that have been created and disseminated in various historical eras, including both early and contemporary films, television programs, print and online artifacts, and video games. This course of study is recommended for

students who plan careers or graduate study in the fields of advertising, broadcast journalism, film, marketing, media studies, media writing, online communication, print journalism, public relations, television, and related areas.

Course	Title	Credits
Media Studies Op	otion	
CM 2775	Media and Cultural Studies (TECO)	4
Complete two co	urses from the following:	8
CM 3005	Rhetoric and Semiotics (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3006	Analyzing Screen Media (DICO)	
CM 3485	Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO)	
CM 3505	Media Effects	
CM 3945	Social Media: Technology and Culture (INCO,INC	P)
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CM 2007	Strategic Communication	
CM 2405	Public Speaking	
CM 2915	Communication and Leadership	
CM 2995	Professional Social Media	
CM 3005	Rhetoric and Semiotics (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3006	Analyzing Screen Media (DICO)	
CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3125	Communicating Through Animation (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3485	Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO)	
CM 3505	Media Effects	
CM 3515	Communication, Media, and Wellness (WECO)	
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3750	Film and Video Production Techniques	
CM 3760	Narrative Film-making	
CM 3915	Topics in Media Studies	
CM 3926	Topics in Screenwriting and Video Production	
CM 3945	Social Media: Technology and Culture (INCO,INC	P)
CM 3960	Internship	
CM 4915	Independent Study	
EN 2360	Introduction to Film	
EN 3125	Advanced Composition	
EN 3135	Non-Fiction Workshop	
EN 3305	The Craft of Screenwriting: Reading and Writing Screenplays	
EN 3325	Literature into Film	
EN 3595	The Filmmaker's Vision: An Introduction to Film Analysis	
EN 3685	Scriptwriting	
Total Credits		20

Professional Communication Option of BA Communication and Media Studies

The Option in Professional Communication enables students to explore various approaches to persuasive communication. Students learn to identify and apply theories and techniques that enable effective communication to occur in a variety of professional settings. They

complete a series of required courses offered through the Departments of Business and Communication and Media Studies, and they round out their coursework with a range of interdisciplinary courses that correspond with their educational and professional interests. This course of study is recommended for students who plan careers or graduate study in the fields of business, communication, professional writing, promotion, sales, sports information, and related areas.

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Professional Communication Option			
CM 2915	Communication and Leadership	4	
•	rses from the Professional Communication Option; s to be 3000/4000 level:	8	
CM 2007	Strategic Communication		
CM 2995	Professional Social Media		
CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)		
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)		
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)		
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CM 2007	Strategic Communication		
CM 2405	Public Speaking		
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CM 2995	Professional Social Media		
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CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)		
CM 3125	Communicating Through Animation (INCO,INCP)		
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)		
CM 3485	Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO)		
CM 3505	Media Effects		
CM 3515	Communication, Media, and Wellness (WECO)		
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)		
CM 3750	Film and Video Production Techniques		
CM 3760	Narrative Film-making		
CM 3915	Topics in Media Studies		
CM 3926	Topics in Screenwriting and Video Production		
CM 3945	Social Media: Technology and Culture (INCO,INCP)		
CM 3960	Internship		
CM 4915	Independent Study		
BUS 2300	Business Writing and Presenting (WRCO)		
BUS 1100	Introduction to Marketing and Sales		
MKT 3500	Special Topics in Marketing		
MKT 3120	Marketing Research and Consumer Insights (QRCO)		
MKT 3210	Event Planning and Marketing		
MKT 3140	Creating Effective Marketing Content		
MGM 3450	Organizational Behavior & Team Development (DICO)		
MKT 3450	Sports Marketing and Sales		
MKT 3230	Public Relations		
MKT 4230	Marketing Management		
MKT 4120	Impact Marketing		

Total Credits		20
EN 3135	Non-Fiction Workshop	
EN 3125	Advanced Composition	

Recommended Course Sequence

Check all course descriptions for prerequisites before planning course schedule. Course sequence is suggested but not required.

To complete the bachelor's degree in 4 years, you must successfully complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester or have a plan to make up credits over the course of the 4 years. For example, if you take 14 credits one semester, you need to take 16 credits in another semester. Credits completed must count toward your program requirements (major, option, minor, certificate, general education or free electives).

Required Options in this Major

Complete one option

Media Studies Option of BA Communication and Media Studies

Check all course descriptions for prerequisites before planning course schedule. Course sequence is suggested but not required.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
EN 1400	Composition	4
IS 1115	Tackling a Wicked Problem	4
MA (https:// coursecatalog.plymo general-education/ #MATH)	Mathematics Foundations uth.edu/	3-4
CM 2000	Studies in Communication and Media (TECO)	4
CM 2006	Intercultural Communication	4
CTDI (https:// coursecatalog.plymo general-education/ #CTDI)	Creative Thought Direction	3-4
PPDI (https:// coursecatalog.plymo general-education/ #PPDI)	Past and Present Direction uth.edu/	3-4
GACO (https:// coursecatalog.plymo general-education/ #GACO)	Foreign Language L	6
	Credits	31-34
Year Two		
CM 2775	Media and Cultural Studies (TECO)	4
CM 3645	Communication Theory (WRCO)	4
SIDI (https:// coursecatalog.plymo general-education/ #SIDI)	Scientific Inquiry Direction	3-4

SSDI (https:// Self and Society Direction coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SSDI)	3-4
Directions (choose from CTDI, PPDI, SIDI, SSDI) (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/) ²	
DICO (https:// Diversity Connection coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/ general-education/ #DICO)	3-4
WECO (https:// Wellness Connection coursecatalog.plymou general-education/ #WECO)	3-4
Electives	6
Credits	30-38
Year Three	
Production Requirement	4
Courses from this category cannot double count for course the Option list	es in

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CM 2995	Professional Social Media	
CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3125	Communicating Through Animation (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3750	Film and Video Production Techniques	
CM 3760	Narrative Film-making	
Media Studies		
Complete two cour	eas from the following:	Ω

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CM 3005	Rhetoric and Semiotics (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3006	Analyzing Screen Media (DICO)	
CM 3485	Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO)	
CM 3505	Media Effects	
CM 3945	Social Media: Technology and Culture (INCO,INCP)	

Media Studies Option

Complete eight credits from the following courses; four credits need to be CM courses; four credits must be 3000/4000 level; courses in the Production Requirement cannot be double-counted in this list:

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CM 2405	Public Speaking
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CM 3125	Communicating Through Animation (INCO,INCP)
CM 3400	Interactive Web Communication (INCO,INCP)
CM 3485	Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO)

	Total Credits	120
	Credits	18-22
Electives		10-14
CM 4905	Senior Seminar	4
CM 4655	Communication Research Methods (QRCO)	4
Year Four		
	Credits	30
Electives		10
EN 3685	Scriptwriting	
EN 3595	The Filmmaker's Vision: An Introduction to Film Analysis	
EN 3325	Literature into Film	
EN 3305	The Craft of Screenwriting: Reading and Writing Screenplays	
EN 3135	Non-Fiction Workshop	
EN 3125	Advanced Composition	
EN 2360	Introduction to Film	
CM 4915	Independent Study	
CM 3960	Internship	
CM 3945	Social Media: Technology and Culture (INCO,INCP)	
CM 3926	Topics in Screenwriting and Video Production	
CM 3915	Topics in Media Studies	
CM 3760	Narrative Film-making	
CM 3750	Film and Video Production Techniques	
CM 3675	Journalism in the Digital Age (TECO,WRCO)	
CM 3515	Communication, Media, and Wellness (WECO)	
CM 3505	Media Effects	

Professional Communication Option of BA Communication and Media Studies

Check all course descriptions for prerequisites before planning course schedule. Course sequence is suggested but not required.

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EN 1400	Composition	4
IS 1115	Tackling a Wicked Problem	4
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CM 2006	Intercultural Communication	4
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CM 2405	Public Speaking	
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MKT 3230	Public Relations	
MKT 4230	Marketing Management	
MKT 4120	Impact Marketing	
EN 3135	Non-Fiction Workshop	
Electives		10
	Credits	30
Year Four		
CM 4655	Communication Research Methods (QRCO)	4
CM 4905	Senior Seminar	4
INCP (https://	Integrated Capstone	3-4
coursecatalog.plymor general-education/ #INCP)	uth.edu/	

Electives	17-18
Credits	28-30
Total Credits	120

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