

Communication BA with Pre-Law Concentration

Overview

The **Bachelor of Arts in Communication** (COMC) utilizes Temple's unique setting as an urban institution to prepare students to be tomorrow's communication professionals in the areas of public advocacy; science, health, environmental and risk (SHER); and conflict management. The advocacy area focuses on analyzing and creating strategic messages in socio-political activities and community outreach. The SHER area emphasizes investigating and promoting communication practices about health, the sciences, the environment, and security. The conflict management area focuses on training students to apply communication practices that manage conflict within communities, institutions, and organizations. The Communication major's integrated and dynamic curriculum offers students who wish to help bring about positive change, a gateway to law school, advanced graduate programs, as well as working in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Pre-Law Concentration

The optional **Pre-Law concentration**, offered to students pursuing the BA in Communication, is ideal for highly motivated and highly qualified students who have their sights on completing their law degree after college. This accelerated program provides the opportunity for hardworking students to complete both the Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees in six years. Students enrolled in the BA in Communication program who want to pursue the accelerated BA+JD program must declare the Pre-Law concentration before or during their first semester as freshmen. This concentration requires that students complete the degree requirements (92 credit hours) for the Communication major within three years and meet rigorous requirements for admission into the JD program. Students who are accepted into the JD professional program in their junior year will complete the remaining 32 credit hours of electives for their BA program by completing Year 1 of the JD program in the Beasley School of Law.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: CO-COMC-BA

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2026-2027. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2026 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements

The degree of Bachelor of Arts may be conferred upon a student majoring in Communication by the recommendation of the faculty and upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 124 semester hours of credit with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 overall and in the major.

Students must meet the following requirements:

1. University requirements:
 - All students are required to complete the General Education (GenEd) curriculum.
 - All students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses in their major at Temple University. The specific writing-intensive courses for this major are COMC 2696 and COMC 3296.
2. Lew Klein College of Media and Communication requirements, including KLN 1001 and KLN 1002.
3. Minimum of 45 credit hours in Communication courses.
4. Maximum of 59 credit hours may be taken in Communication courses.
5. A C- or higher grade must be attained in all required Communication courses.
6. No more than 12 semester hours of transfer credits may be applied to Communication requirements.

BA in Communication Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Communication (COMC) Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
COMC 1111 or COMC 1911	Presentations for Policy Change Honors Presentations for Policy Change	
COMC 1118	Presentations for the Digital Workplace	
COMC 1112	Introduction to Communication	3
COMC 1113	Persuasion Theory and Practice	3
COMC 2111	Argumentation and Advocacy	3
COMC 2112	Communication Theory	3
Support Areas: Complete six (6) courses		
Two Writing Intensive Courses		
COMC 2696	Professional Writing for Science, Health, and Policy Issues	3
COMC 3296	Speechwriting	3
One Methods Course		
COMC 3801	Communication Research Methods	3
One Culture Course		
Select one of the following:		3
COMC 3701	Intercultural Communication	
COMC 3702	Communication, Culture and Identity	
One Experience Course		
Select one of the following:		3
COMC 3085	Study Away Internship	
COMC 3185	Internship	
COMC 3191	Directed Research	
Senior Seminar		
COMC 4111	Careers for Social Impact	3
Content Areas: Complete any four (4) courses		
Select four of the following:		12
Advocacy		
COMC 1301	Resistance, Protests, and Social Movements	
COMC 2301	Countercultural Communication	
COMC 3401	Social Activism and Community Organizing	
COMC 4404	Podcasting for Civic Engagement	
Conflict Management		
COMC 1401	Conflict and Communication Behavior	
COMC 2401	Intercultural and Cross-Cultural Conflict	
COMC 3402	Conflict and Influence: Identity, Emotion and Power	
COMC 4202	Multiparty Conflict Processes: Dialogue, Facilitation and Multiparty Mediation	
Science, Health, Environment and Risk (SHER)		
COMC 1601	Communication and Behavior Change	
COMC 2601	Misperceptions and Misinformation	
COMC 3202	Communication, Attitudes, and Opinion	
COMC 4601	Narrative Persuasion	
Total Credit Hours		45

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a **suggested** academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
Select one of the following:		3
COMC 1111	Presentations for Policy Change	
COMC 1911	Honors Presentations for Policy Change	
COMC 1118	Presentations for the Digital Workplace	
COMC 1112	Introduction to Communication	3
KLN 1001	Klein First-Year Seminar	1
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL [GW]	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course (GQ)		4
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
COMC 1113	Persuasion Theory and Practice	3
KLN 1002	Klein College Introduction to Professional Development	1
COMC Content Area Course		3
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
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Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
COMC 2112	Communication Theory	3
COMC 2696	Professional Writing for Science, Health, and Policy Issues [WI]	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
COMC 2111	Argumentation and Advocacy	3
COMC 3701	Intercultural Communication	3
or COMC 3702	or Communication, Culture and Identity	
COMC Content Area Course		3
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
COMC 3801	Communication Research Methods	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMC 3085	Study Away Internship	
COMC 3185	Internship	
COMC 3191	Directed Research	
COMC Content Area Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Electives		3
Credit Hours		15

Spring		
COMC 3296	Speechwriting [WI]	3
COMC 4111	Careers for Social Impact	3
COMC Content Area Course		3
Electives		7
Credit Hours		16
Year 4		
Fall		
JUDO 0406	Contracts	4
JUDO 0420	Torts	4
JUDO 0414	Legal Research and Writing I	3
JUDO 0402	Civil Procedure I	4
JUDO 0437	Introduction to Transactional Skills	1
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
JUDO 0418	Property	4
JUDO 0410	Criminal Law I	3
JUDO 0404	Constitutional Law	4
JUDO 0415	Adv Legal Research/Writing	2
Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		124