COMMUNICATION-BA STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION (SCM)

2018-2019 Academic Year

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This program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Requirements for students admitted to the major SU12 and later. **Eleven (11) COMM courses** totaling **at least 35 credits** are required.

A grade of C- or better is required in all courses in the major. Maintaining a 2.0 GPA in the major is required after admission to the program.



Program Area Description

Strategic Communication teaches you the ways in which organizations communicate with employees, the public, and other audiences in order to accomplish a goal. This major includes courses that examine communication through public relations, marketing communication, advertising, audience analysis, persuasion and public theory, and communication campaigns.

Students will train for careers in business and management or as communication specialists in organizations. They can find employment as public relations specialists, communication campaign and information managers, and communication consultants.

Required Pre-Major courses: 6 credit hours (these courses do not count in the major). All students must complete two pre-major courses. A grade of C- or better is required in both courses for a Major & Specialization Application to be considered. Admission is competitive and an online application is required. Please see comm.osu.edu for application deadlines.

COMM 1100 Communication in Society
COMM 1101 History of Communication

Credits	Grade	Term
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1. Core Requirements (16 credit hours). All five courses are required.

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COMM 2321	Writing for Strategic Communication	3		
COMM 2331	Strategic Communication Principles	3		
COMM 2367(H)	Persuasive Communication	3		
COMM 3325	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3		
COMM 4337	Public Communication Campaigns	4		

2. Research Methods Requirement (4 credit hours). One course required.

		Credits	Grade	Term
COMM 3163	Communication Industry Research Methods	4		
	(prereq: Stat 1350, 1450, or equiv.)			

(H) = Honors course offered.

Internship – To reinforce the fit between coursework and real-world applications and to improve career opportunities, students are encouraged to complete an internship for at least one semester.

Minor – Students are encouraged to complete a minor. Depending on individual interests, students may wish to consider a minor in one of the following areas: Business, Capital Program, Consumer Sciences, Economics, Leadership Studies, or Professional Writing.

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3. Focus Area Electives (9 credit hours). Choose at least 3 from the list below.

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COMM 3330(H)	Communication and Conflict Management	3		
COMM 3331	Communication and Decision Making	3		
COMM 3333	Crisis Communication	3		
COMM 3334	Strategic Message Design	3		
COMM 3340	Principles of Environmental Campaigns	3		
COMM 3345	Strategic Media Planning	3		
COMM 3444	Advertising and Society	3		
COMM 3628	Contemporary Persuasion Theory	3		
COMM 3668	Intercultural Communication	3		
COMM 4558	Social Media Analytics	3		
COMM 4737	Health Communication in Mass Mediated Contexts	3		
COMM 4820(H)	Public Opinion and Communication	3		

4. <u>Special Topic Electives (6 credit hours).</u> Choose at least 2 additional COMM courses that fit your career goals. Up to 3 credits each of Internship (COMM 4191) or Undergraduate Research Experience (COMM 4998) may count toward this requirement.

		Credits	Grade	Term
COMM 2131*	Business and Professional Speaking	3		
COMM 2110*	Public Speaking	3		
	*Only one COMM speaking course may be used in this category			
COMM 2511	Visual Communication Design	3		
COMM 3332	Risk Communication	3		
COMM 4191	Internship	1-3		
COMM 4445	Stereotypes in Media	3		
COMM 4554	Social Media	3		
COMM 4556	Information Tech and Organizational Communication	3		
COMM 4635	Small Group Communication	3		
COMM 4998	Undergraduate Research Experience	1-3		
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IOTAL HOURS (minimum 35 credit nours)	
(Add credits from sections 1, 2, 3, and 4)	

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