2021-2022 Communication Major Requirements

With a BA. degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences OR in Applied Arts and Sciences

*PLEASE NOTE: This advising sheet does not include General Education requirements as outlined in SDSU's General Catalog.*

Impacted Program
Communication is an impacted major at SDSU. Students can only be admitted to the pre major, and will be restricted from taking certain classes available only to majors, until the impaction criteria are met. Transfer students must meet the impaction criteria.

To fulfill the impaction criteria, students must:
1. Complete general education oral communication requirement (3) units and two courses (6) units selected from COMM 160, 201, 204, and 245, each with a grade of “C” or higher and an average grade of 2.75 or higher. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (CR/NC).
2. Complete a minimum of 45 transferable semester units and a maximum of 90 units.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher.
4. To gain entry into the major, students must fulfill the pre-major requirements described in the catalog in effect at the time they declare the pre-major at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Preparation for the major:
Must complete (3) General Education oral communication requirement.
☐ COMM 103 Oral Communication (3)

Must complete (6) selected units from:
☐ COMM 160 Argumentation (3)
☐ COMM 201 Communication & Community (3)
☐ COMM 204 Advanced Public Speaking (3)
☐ COMM 245 Interpersonal Communication (3)*also fulfills GE area E

Major: A minimum of 36 upper division units. See other side for specific requirements.

Additional Requirements:
1. Complete one of the following:
   a. Foreign language (3rd semester of one foreign language for those choosing the Liberal Arts and Sciences degree) OR
   b. Mathematics competency (3 semesters of college mathematics or a 3-course statistics sequence for those choosing the Applied Arts and Sciences degree).
2. Complete the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement by scoring a 10 or higher on the Writing Proficiency Assessment OR by completing RWS-305W with a grade of "C" or higher.
I. Foundations of Communication (6) units.
These are prerequisites for all 400 level courses

☐ COMM 300 Conceptualizing Communication (3)
☐ COMM 350 Investigating Communication (3)

II. Conceptualizing Communication (9) units must be completed before taking Capstone
(9) units from the following:

☐ COMM 321 Intro to Health Communication (3)
☐ COMM 371 Intercultural Communication (3) * also fulfills upper division GE area B
☐ COMM 415 Nonverbal Communication (3)
☐ COMM 450 Rhetorical Theory (3)
☐ COMM 470 Argumentation Theory (3)
☐ COMM 492 Persuasion (3)

III. Investigating Communication (6) units must be completed before taking Capstone
(6) units from the following:

☐ COMM 407 Perspectives Interviewing (3)
☐ COMM 420 Quantitative Methods (3)
☐ COMM 441 Critical & Cultural Methods (3)
☐ COMM 462 Ethnography (3)
☐ COMM 465 Conversational Analysis (3)

IV. Communication Electives (12) units
(12) units from the following

(9) units from 421-428 can apply to the Communication Major Electives

☐ COMM 301 Competitive Forensics (1-3)
☐ COMM 307 Comm in Professional Settings (3)
☐ COMM 405 Performance as COMM (3)
☐ COMM 406 Organizational Communication (3)
☐ COMM 445 Relational Communication (3)
☐ COMM 446 Comm & Rhetorical Movements (3)
☐ COMM 452 Interaction & Gender (3)
☐ COMM 482 Political Communication (3)
☐ COMM 485 Communicating Leadership (3)
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☐ COMM 490 Internship (1-3)
☐ COMM 496 Experimental Topics (3)
☐ COMM 499 Special Study (1-3)
☐ COMM 508 Media Literacy (3)
☐ COMM 540 Communicating Science in the Public Interest (3)
☐ COMM 555 Conflict Management (3)

☐ COMM 421 Health Communication & CBSL (3)
☐ COMM 422 Politics of Health Communication (3)
☐ COMM 423 Patient Provider Communication (3)
☐ COMM 424 Health Communication & Relationships (3)
☐ COMM 425 Health Communication Campaigns (3)
☐ COMM 426 Comm in Health Risk & Crisis (3)
☐ COMM 427 Health Comm & Cultural Communities (3)
☐ COMM 428 Communicating Health & Well-Being at Work (3)

*All Health COMM classes have COMM 321 as a prerequisite

Plus, any other upper division 3-unit Communication course, including those above in Conceptualizing & Investigating Communication not used for those requirements

V. Communication Capstone (3) units
Must have competed COMM 300, 350, and required all Conceptualizing & Investigating units before taking Capstone.

☐ COMM 495 Conceptualizing & Investigating Communication (3)