2020-2021 Communication Major Requirements
With a B.A. 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:

a. Complete general education oral communication requirement (3 units) and two courses (6 units) selected from Communication 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).

b. Complete a minimum of 45 transferable semester units and a maximum of 90 semester units.

c. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher.

e. 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:
General Education oral communication requirement and six units selected from:

☐ Comm 160 Argumentation (3)
☐ Comm 201 Communication and Community (3)
☐ Comm 204 Advanced Public Speaking (3)
☐ Comm 245 Interpersonal Communication (3)

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

Additional Requirements:

a. 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).

b. 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.
GENERAL COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR

Foundations of Communication
(6 units, prerequisite for all 400-level courses)

- 300: Conceptualizing Communication (3)
- 350: Investigating Communication (3)

*Conceptualizing Communication
(9 units from following)
*Must be completed before taking COMM 495 Capstone
- 321: Intro to Health Communication (3)
- 371: Intercultural Communication (3)
- 415: Nonverbal Communication (3)
- 450: Rhetorical Theory (3)
- 492: Persuasion (3)

*Investigating Communication
(3 units from following)
*Must be completed before taking COMM 495 Capstone
- 420: Quantitative Methods (3)
- 441: Critical & Cultural Methods (3)
- 462: Ethnography (3)
- 465: Conversational Interaction (3)

Communication Electives
(Any 15 units from following)
- 301: Competitive Intercollegiate Forensics (1-3)
- 307: Communication in Professional Settings (3)
- 405: Performance as Communication (3)
- 406: Organizational Communication (3)
- 407: Communication Perspectives on Interviewing (3)†
  - 421: Health Communication & CBSL (3)†
  - 422: Politics of Health Communication (3)†
  - 423: Patient-Provider Communication (3)†
  - 424: Health, Family & Social relationships (3)†
  - 425: Health Campaigns (3)†
  - 426: Communication in Health Risk and Crises (3)†
  - 427: Health Communication & Cultural Communities (3)†
  - 428: Health & Well-Being at Work (3)†
  - 445: Relational Communication (3)
  - 446: Communication & Rhetorical Movements (3)
  - 452: Interaction & Gender (3)
  - 470: Argumentation Theory (3)
  - 482: Communication & Politics (3)
  - 485: Communicating Leadership (3)
  - 496: Experimental Topics (3)△
  - 499: Special Study (1-3)△
  - 508: Media Literacy (3)
  - 555: Conflict Management Communication (3)
†: COMM 321 is prerequisite for all Health Communication courses
‡: Only 3 courses from 421 to 428 may apply to the Communication Major
△: Offered infrequently

Communication Capstone
(3 units; must have completed 300, 350, and required Conceptualizing & Investigating units; and be in last or next-to-last semester prior to graduating)
- 495: Conceptualizing & Investigating Communication (3)