

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

Bachelor of Science, Communication

This degree program requires a total of **120 credit hours (CH)**, including 38 credit hours of the lower-division (LD) UCA Core and 40 credit hours of upper-division (3000- and 4000-level) courses. This sample degree plan demonstrates how a first-time entering freshman with no college credit can earn the degree in eight semesters. The upper-division UCA Core must be met using major, minor, or general elective courses. For general and specific degree requirements, please see the *Undergraduate Bulletin* at <https://uca.edu/ubulletin>. Consult your academic advisor for appropriate substitutions and additional information.

This degree is offered as an eight-semester degree completion program. Eligible students who follow this degree plan and complete all general and specific degree requirements in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* of the year in which they were admitted will earn this degree in eight semesters. For eligibility requirements, see <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/degreeplans/> for more information.

Year 1

| Fall — Semester 1 | | Spring — Semester 2 | |
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| Courses | CH | Courses | CH |
| WRTG 1310 Introduction to College Writing or Other approved Writing Foundation alternative | 3 | WRTG 1320 Academic Writing & Research or ENGL 1320 Interdisciplinary Writing & Research or Other approved Research and Writing alternative | 3 |
| COMM 1300 Principles of Communication | 3 | COMM 2308 Perspectives in Communication | 3 |
| LD UCA Core First Year Seminar or Other LD UCA Core Course | 3 | LD UCA Core First Year Seminar (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course | 3 |
| MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy | 3 | PRLS 2305 Introduction to Public Relations | 3 |
| LD UCA Core Course | 3 | Lower-Division UCA Core Lab Science | 4 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 16 |

Year 2

| Fall — Semester 3 | | Spring — Semester 4 | |
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| Courses | CH | Courses | CH |
| COMM 2313 Introduction to Communication Research | 3 | COMM 3312 Strategic Message Design | 3 |
| Lower-Division UCA Core Course | 3 | COMM 3301 Organizational Communication | 3 |
| Lower-Division UCA Core Lab Science | 4 | Related Course Requirement | 3-4 |
| MCOM 1300 Media and Society or Other LD UCA Core Course | 3 | WRID 2325 Introduction to Rhetoric or Other LD UCA Core | 3 |
| Minor Course | 3 | General Elective | 2-3 |
| Total | 16 | Total | 15 |

Year 3

| Fall — Semester 5 | | Spring — Semester 6 | |
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| Courses | CH | Courses | CH |
| COMM 3310 Advanced Public Speaking | 3 | COMM 3307 Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| Elective BS Communication Course | 3 | Related Course Requirement | 3-4 |
| Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 2-3 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 |

Year 4

| Fall — Semester 7 | | Spring — Semester 8 | |
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| Courses | CH | Courses | CH |
| COMM 4315 Communication and Leadership | 3 | COMM 4130 Communication Practicum | 1 |
| WRID 4308 Writing for Change or PRLS 4305 PR Cases and Campaigns | 3 | COMM 4318 Crisis Communication | 3 |
| Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives | 9 | Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives | 9 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 13 |

This sample degree plan has been approved by the School of Communication in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

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