



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Min. Grade	Important Notes
<b>Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]</b>				
COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3			Fulfills Kent Core Additional
JMC 20001 Media, Power and Culture	3			Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences and domestic diversity requirement
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1			Not required for transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirements	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3			
<b>Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>COMM 20000 Foundations of Communication</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>C</b>	
<b>COMM 25902 Communication Theory</b>	<b>3</b>			
Kent Core Requirements	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
<b>Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>JMC 20005 Fundamentals of Media Messages</b>	<b>3</b>			
COMM 26000 Criticism of Public Discourse <i>or</i> COMM 35852 Intercultural Communication <i>or</i> COMM 35912 Gender and Communication	3			COMM 35852 fulfills global diversity requirement; COMM 26000 and 35912 fulfill domestic diversity requirement
Kent Core Requirements	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
<b>Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced</b>	<b>3</b>	■		
Kent Core Requirements	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
COMM Concentration Elective	3			See note on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3			
<b>Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>Requirements: successful completion of COMM 20000, minimum score of 680 on the Grammar test or minimum grade of a "C" in COMM 21000 and 2.25 cumulative GPA are required to be admitted into the Communication Studies major</b>				
COMM 30000 Communication Research Methods	3	■		
COMM Concentration Elective	3			See note on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	9			
<b>Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>COMM 35864 Organizational Communication</b>	<b>3</b>	■	<b>C</b>	<b>Fulfills the writing-intensive course requirement</b>
ENG 20002 Introduction to Technical Writing <i>or</i> ENG 30062 Principles of Technical Writing <i>or</i> ENG 30063 Business and Professional Writing	3			
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	6			Should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier
<b>Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
<b>Required: JMC 20005, VCD 37000 and COMM 35864 must be completed before taking (or taken in the same semester as) COMM 46092 in semester 8</b>				
COMM 45807 High Impact of Professional Speaking	3	■		
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note below
General Electives (6 credits must be upper division)	9	■		Should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier



**Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas**

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<b>Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
COMM 46092 Practicum in Applied Communication	3	■	C	
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note below
General Electives (upper division)	9	■		Should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	39	36	COMM 35852, Kent Core or General Elective / JMC 20001	COMM 35864	2.25	2.0

**Kent Core Summary**

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
<b>Additional (6 credit hours)</b> <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	3 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with COMM 15000	3
<b>Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours)</b> <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
<b>Composition (6-8 credit hours)</b> <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours)</b> <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences category and minimum one course from fine arts category</i>	May fulfill global diversity requirement	9
<b>Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)</b>	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
<b>Social Sciences (6 credit hours)</b> <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	3 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with JMC 20001	3

**Note:** Concentration elective courses (15 credit hours) must be from the College of Communication and Information; minimum 6 credit hours must have course subject JMC and/or VCD; and 9 credit hours must be upper-division. May include maximum 6 credit hours combined from COMM 45092, 45093, 45095, 45196 and 46092.

**Kent Core**

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core) for course list.

**Diversity Course Requirement**

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity) for course list.

**Writing-Intensive Course Requirement**

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/wic](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/wic) for course list.

**Upper-Division Requirement**

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

