



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
Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]				
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			
Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 20000 Foundations of Communication	3		C	
COMM 25902 Communication Theory	3			
Kent Core Requirements	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 26001 Public Communication in Society	3			
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
Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 30000 Communication Research Methods	3	■		
Kent Core Requirements	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
COMM Concentration Elective	3			See note on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	3			
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]				
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				
COMM 45006 Media Use and Effects	3	■		
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	9			
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 45007 Freedom of Speech	3	■		
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	9			
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 45902 Communication and Influence	3	■	C	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirements
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note on page 2
General Electives (3 credits must be upper division)	9	■		
Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]				
COMM 46091 Senior Seminar	3	■	C	
COMM Concentration Elective	3	■		See note on page 2
General Electives (upper division)	9	■		



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 45902	2.25	2.0

Kent Core Summary

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

Note: Of the 15 credit hours required for COMM concentration elective courses, 12 must be upper-division. 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 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 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 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.

