



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 Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]					
COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3			■	Fulfills Kent Core Additional
JMC 20001 Media, Power and Culture or JMC 20003 Introduction to Mass Communication	3			■	JMC 20001 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 Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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 Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]					
JMC 20005 Fundamentals of Media Messages	3			■	
COMM 26000 Criticism of Public Discourse or COMM 35852 Intercultural Communication or COMM 35912 Gender and Communication	3			■	COMM 35852 fulfills global diversity requirement; COMM 26000 fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity; 35912 fulfill domestic diversity requirement
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]					
VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced	3	■		■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
COMM Concentration Elective	3			■	See note 1 on page 2
VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy	3			■	
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
COMM 30000 Communication Research Methods	3	■		■	
LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3	■		■	
COMM Concentration Elective	3			■	See note 1 on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	6				See note 2 on page 2
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
COMM 35864 Organizational Communication	3	■	C	■	Fulfills the writing-intensive course requirement
ENG 20002 Introduction to Technical Writing or ENG 30062 Principles of Technical Writing or ENG 30063 Business and Professional Writing	3				
COMM Concentration Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 1 on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	6				Should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier. See note 2 on page 2.
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
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					
COMM 45807 High Impact of Professional Speaking	3	■		■	
COMM Concentration Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note below
General Electives (6 credits must be upper division)	9				Should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier. See note 2 on page 2.



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]					
COMM 46092 Practicum in Applied Communication	3	■	C	■	
COMM Concentration Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 1 below
General Electives (6 hours must be upper division)	9	■			Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and minimum 39 upper-division credit hours; should fulfill global diversity requirement if not satisfied earlier. See note 2 below.

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

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: Any CCI, COMM, IAKM, JMC, LIS and VCD course taken is included in the major GPA.

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.

