



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

| Critical                           | Course Subject and Title   | Credit Hours | Upper Div. | Min. Grade | Major GPA | Type               | Term Taken |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Semester One [16 Credits]</b>   |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
| !                                  | <b>COMM 20000 Foundations of Communication</b> <sup>1</sup>  | 3            |            | C          | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication   | 3            |            |            | ■         | KAD                |            |
|                                    | JMC 20001 Media, Power and Culture <sup>3</sup><br>or JMC 20003 Introduction to Mass Communication   | 3            |            |            |           | DD/KSS             |            |
|                                    | US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience <sup>2</sup>  | 1            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Two [15 Credits]</b>   |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
| !                                  | <b>COMM 25902 Communication Theory</b>   | 3            |            |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
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|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Three [15 Credits]</b> |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 26501 Introduction to Health Communication  | 3            |            |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 26000 Criticism of Public Discourse <sup>3</sup> (3)<br>or COMM 35852 Intercultural Communication (3)<br>or COMM 35912 Gender and Communication (3)   | 3            |            |            | ■         | DD/KHU<br>DG<br>DD |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond  | 3            | ■          |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Four [15 Credits]</b>  |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 30000 Communication Research Methods  | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy   | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM Concentration Electives <sup>5</sup>  | 3            |            |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement<br>or General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement<br>or General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Five [15 Credits]</b>  |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 36501 Communication in Health Care (3)<br>or COMM 36505 Communication, Aging and Culture (3)<br>or COMM 46503 Health Communication and Media (3)<br>or COMM 46507 Everyday Interpersonal Communication and Health (3) | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM Concentration Electives <sup>5</sup>  | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 6            |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |            |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Six [15 Credits]</b>   |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
| !                                  | <b>COMM 45902 Communication and Influence</b> <sup>4</sup>   | 3            | ■          | C          | ■         | WIC                |            |
|                                    | COMM 36501 Communication in Health Care (3)<br>or COMM 36505 Communication, Aging and Culture (3)<br>or COMM 46503 Health Communication and Media (3)<br>or COMM 46507 Everyday Interpersonal Communication and Health (3) | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM Concentration Electives <sup>5</sup>  | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 6            |            |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Seven [15 Credits]</b> |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 36501 Communication in Health Care (3)<br>or COMM 36505 Communication, Aging and Culture (3)<br>or COMM 46503 Health Communication and Media (3)<br>or COMM 46507 Everyday Interpersonal Communication and Health (3) | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM Concentration Electives <sup>5</sup>  | 3            | ■          |            | ■         |                    |            |
|                                    | General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 9            | ■          |            |           |                    |            |
| <b>Semester Eight [14 Credits]</b> |  |              |            |            |           |                    |            |
|                                    | COMM 46091 Senior Seminar  | 3            | ■          | C          | ■         | ELR                |            |
|                                    | General Electives <sup>3</sup>   | 11           |            |            |           |                    |            |

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Upper-Division Hours | Minimum Kent Core Hours | Minimum   |             |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
|                     |                              |                         | Major GPA | Overall GPA |
| 120                 | 39                           | 36                      | 2.250     | 2.000       |

- Students must successfully complete a grammar competency requirement within the first 20 credits of the major and before enrolling in the required writing-intensive course associated with the major. Students will be provided one opportunity to fulfill this major requirement while enrolled in COMM 20000 Foundations of Communication. Students who do not earn a score of 680 or better on this test-out opportunity in COMM 20000 must complete COMM 21000 Grammar Review (1 credit), earning a C or better in the course in order to fulfill this grammar requirement.
- US 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits or students age 21+ at time of admission.

3. Any COMM course taken is calculated in the major GPA. Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 120 credit hours and minimum 9-12 credits upper-division hours required depends on meeting minimum 39 upper-division credit hours. In semester 4 take general electives if JMC 20001 and/or if COMM 2600 was chosen
4. A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned in COMM 45902 to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
5. Of the 12 credit hours required for concentration electives, 9 credits must be upper-division. May include maximum 6 credits hours combined from COMM 45092, 45093, 45095 and 45196.

**Note:** The School of Communication Studies generally will approve dual concentrations for Communication Studies students as long as there are at least 12 hours of coursework in the concentration elective courses exclusively applied to each concentration (resulting in a total of 24 hours of unique concentration electives across the two concentrations). Students must also complete all of the other concentration requirements specific to each concentration, in addition to differentiating their major elective courses across the two concentrations. If one of the dual concentration choices is either the applied or the global communication concentration, students may select courses from across the College of Communication and Information in their elective choices for completing that part of the dual concentration. Any other duplicative course requirements for the two concentrations beyond the requirements specified above may be double counted when completing a dual concentration option.

Students electing a dual concentration must meet with an advisor to plan an individualized plan of study that meets these requirements before the dual concentration option will be approved for that student. Any changes made to the program of study also must be approved by an advisor, or the student may not be allowed to graduate with this option.

### University Requirements Summary

| Type | Categories   | Course(s) Satisfying Category  | Remaining Requirements |
|------|--|--|------------------------|
| KCM  | <b>Kent Core I. Composition</b><br>Enrollment based on placement test  | visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core">www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core</a> | 6                      |
| KMC  | <b>Kent Core II. Mathematics and Critical Reasoning</b><br>Enrollment based on placement test  | visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core">www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core</a> | 3                      |
| KHU  | <b>Kent Core III. Humanities</b><br>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences; may fulfill diversity requirement                           | COMM 26000 may fulfill this requirement if chosen  | 3                      |
| KFA  | <b>Kent Core IV. Fine Arts</b><br>Minimum one course from the fine arts; may fulfill diversity requirement   | visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core">www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core</a> | 3                      |
| KFH  | <b>Kent Core V. Humanities or Fine Arts</b><br>One additional course from either the humanities or fine arts category may fulfill diversity requirement. | visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core">www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core</a> | 3                      |
| KSS  | <b>Kent Core VI. Social Sciences</b><br>Must be selected from two curricular areas; may fulfill diversity requirement                                    | JMC 20001 may fulfill this requirement if chosen   | 6                      |
| KBS  | <b>Kent Core VII. Basic Sciences</b><br>Must include one laboratory  | visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core">www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core</a> | 6                      |
| KAD  | <b>Kent Core VIII. Additional</b><br>May fulfill diversity requirement   | COMM 15000   | 3                      |
| DD   | <b>Domestic Diversity Course Requirement</b><br>Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core   | COMM 26000, or COMM 35912 or JMC 20001 may fulfill this requirement if chosen            | one course             |
| DG   | <b>Global Diversity Course Requirement</b><br>Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core   | COMM 35852 may fulfill this requirement if chosen  | one course             |
| ELR  | <b>Experiential Learning Requirement</b><br>Either course or non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member                            | COMM 46091   | fulfilled              |
| WIC  | <b>Writing-Intensive Course Requirement</b><br>Minimum C (2.000) grade   | COMM 45902   | fulfilled              |