

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
Semester One [16 Credits]							
!	COMM 20000 Foundations of Communication ¹	3		C	■		
	COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3			■	KAD	
	JMC 20001 Media, Power and Culture or JMC 20003 Introduction to Mass Communication	3				DD/KSS	
	US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ²	1					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Two [15 Credits]							
!	COMM 25902 Communication Theory	3			■		
	VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
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Semester Three [15 Credits]							
	COMM 26001 Public Communication in Society	3			■		
	COMM 26000 Criticism of Public Discourse (3) or COMM 35852 Intercultural Communication (3) or COMM 35912 Gender and Communication (3)	3			■	DD/KHU DG DD	
	LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3	■				
	Kent Core Requirement or General Electives ³	3					
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Semester Four [15 Credits]							
	COMM 30000 Communication Research Methods	3	■		■		
	COMM Concentration Electives ⁴	3			■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Five [15 Credits]							
	COMM 45006 Media Use and Effects	3	■		■		
	COMM Concentration Electives ⁴	3	■		■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	General Electives ³	6					
Semester Six [15 Credits]							
	COMM 45007 Freedom of Speech	3	■		■		
	COMM Concentration Electives ⁴	3	■		■		
	General Electives ³	9					
Semester Seven [15 Credits]							
	COMM 45902 Communication and Influence	3	■	C	■	WIC	
	COMM Concentration Electives ⁴	3	■		■		
	General Electives ³ (upper-division)	9	■				
Semester Eight [14 Credits]							
	COMM 46091 Senior Seminar ⁵	3	■		■	ELR	
	COMM Concentration Electives ⁴	3	■		■		
	General Electives ³	8					

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.
- Minimum 9 credits upper-division hours. Any COMM course taken is calculated in the major GPA. Take General Elective if COMM 26000 and/or JMC 20001 was chosen.
- Of the 15 credit hours required for concentration electives, 12 credits must be upper-division. May include maximum 6 credits hours combined from COMM 45092 45093, 45095 and 45196.
- A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned in COMM 45902 to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

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