

Communication Studies Major: Media Studies Emphasis - Bachelor of Science (BS)

Major requirements

Admission requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/communicationstudies/#communication-admission>)

(All colleges, excluding teacher certification programs)

39 credits

Courses listed in more than one category may be counted only once.

Code	Title	Credits
Core requirements		
CST 190	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
CST 301	Theories of Communication	3
CST 498	Research Methods in Communication	3
CST 499	Senior Project in Communication Studies	3
Required		
CST 271	Media and Society	3
CST 378	Computer Mediated Communication	3
CST 419	Communication, Media and Identity	3
Select at least three credits of the following:		
CST 270	Broadcast Announcing	3
CST 274	Television Production	3
CST 275	Applied Television	3
CST 338	Sex, Love, and Romance in the Media	3
CST 370	Broadcast Media Writing	3
CST 372	Audio Production	3
CST 374	Television Workshop	3
CST 376	Remote Video Operations	3
CST 471	Broadcast and Digital Media Management	3
Select nine credits of electives, one from each emphasis area (see below)		9
Select a minimum of six credits of electives from any CST course ¹		6
Total Credits		39

¹ excluding CST 110

Areas of emphasis:

Interpersonal communication emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
CST 230	Interpersonal Communication	3
CST 330	Nonverbal Communication	3
CST 332	Intercultural Communication	3
CST 333	Lying and Deception in Human Interaction	3
CST 334	Gender Communication	3
CST 336	Family Communication	3
CST 337	Communication and Race	3

CST 338	Sex, Love, and Romance in the Media	3
CST 339	Communication and Aging	3

Public communication & advocacy emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
CST 210	Presentational Speaking	3
CST 310	Debate	3
CST 315	Communication Criticism	3
CST 410	Advocacy and Argumentation	3
CST 412	Advocacy and Persuasion	3
CST 413	Advocacy and Persuasive Campaigns	3
CST 415	Advanced Topics in Advocacy and Communication Criticism	3

Organizational & professional communication emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
CST 260	Professional Communication	3
CST 350	Organizational Communication	3
CST 351	Interviewing: Principles and Processes	3
CST 353	Workplace Relationships	3
CST 354	Health Communication	3
CST 355	Diversity and Organizational Communication	3
CST 358	New Media and Technologies in Modern Organizations	3
CST 360	Public Relations	3
CST 365	Communication in Teams	3
CST 380	Communicating Leadership	3

Degree requirements

All students must complete the general education, college core, major/minor, and university degree requirements in order to qualify for a degree. The easiest way to track all of these requirements is to refer to the Advisement Report (AR) found in the Student Information System (WINGS) Student Center. All enrolled students have access to the AR.

- General education (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation>)
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College of Liberal Studies (CLS/SAC) Bachelor of Science core requirements

The following conditions apply to one or both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees:

1. Students majoring in English or in a modern language must earn a Bachelor of Arts degree (education majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree).
2. Students majoring in other CLS programs may choose either a B.A. or a B.S. degree.
3. Language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) used to fulfill general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2) may also be used to meet the B.A. and B.S. language requirements.

4. All other courses used to meet the requirements below must be in addition to the minimum 39 credits required in the General Education Program.
5. At least one course in the B.A. or B.S. college degree program (core requirements) must be a CLS designated diversity course.
6. Applicable courses may be found on the CLS B.A./B.S. Degree Option Course List (https://www.uwlax.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Colleges_Schools/CLS/CLS%20SAC%20BA%20BS%20Core%20Course%20List%20Updated%20-%20Fall%202015.pdf) or in the Advisement Report (AR) when the degree has been declared.
5. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA¹ in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).
6. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UWL is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement>)).
7. Submit an application for graduation via the "Apply for Graduation" link in the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should apply by May 1. May and summer graduates should apply by December 1.

Courses used to fulfill general education requirements will not apply to core requirements except for language courses (CHI, FRE, GER, RUS, SPA, MLG) that count in the general education requirement: "Mathematical/logical systems and modern languages" (GE 02, category 2).

Bachelor of Science students complete four courses outside the department of the student's major as follows:

1. A lab science course (from the general education list); and
2. A social science course; and
3. Another social science or general education natural science, or math course, or an approved CLS alternative (ENV 201, PHL 334, PHL 339); and
4. One additional course in humanities or fine arts or complete a modern language course 102 level or higher.

In addition to all other College of Liberal Studies core requirements, all students in CLS must complete a second major, minor, or program option by satisfying one of the following:

1. Complete a minor (or second major) outside of the student's major program, consisting of at least 18 credits; or
2. Complete an emphasis, program or concentration of at least 18 credits outside the student's major program. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements; or
3. Complete 18 credits in two or more departments or programs (at least 12 credits earned at the 300/400 level). These courses must be outside the student's major department and can be from any college. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements.

Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the general education requirements.
2. Complete at least one ethnic studies (diversity) course.
3. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college. (No substitutions for graduation may be made in course requirements for a major or minor after the fourth week of the last semester of the senior year.)
4. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA.¹ At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 (senior college) level courses. Courses earned at the 100/200 level that transferred to UWL as 300/400 level courses do not apply to this requirement nor do courses from two-year schools.

¹ Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum in order to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.

No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.

Sample degree plan

Below is a sample degree plan that can be used as a guide to identify courses required to fulfill the major and other requirements needed for degree completion. A student's actual degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). Also, this sample plan assumes readiness for each course and/or major plan, and some courses may not be offered every term. Review the course descriptions or the class timetable (<http://www.uwlax.edu/Records/registration>) for course offering information.

The sample degree plans represented in this catalog are intended for first-year students entering UWL in the fall term. Students should use the Advisement Report (AR) in WINGS (<https://wings.uwlax.edu/psp/csprod/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&>) and work closely with their faculty advisor(s) and college dean's office to ensure declaration and completion of all requirements in a timely manner.

General Education Program

The general education curriculum (Gen Ed) is the common educational experience for all undergraduates at UWL. Sample degree plans include Gen Ed placeholders to ensure completion of the general education requirements. Courses may be rearranged to fit the needs or recommendations of the student's program of study. Gen Ed courses may be taken during winter term (January between the semesters) and summer to reduce the course load during regular terms (fall and spring). Students should consult with their advisor and/or the college academic services director in their college/school for assistance with course and schedule planning. Refer to the general education requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation>) for more specific details.

Note: at least 40 credits of the 120 credits required must be earned at the 300/400 level.

This sample degree plan does not establish a contractual agreement. It identifies the minimum requirements a student must successfully complete, to qualify for a degree, in a format intended to assist the student plan their academic career. Actual degree plans may differ.

Year 1		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CST 110 (Gen Ed Literacy-Oral)	3 CST 190	3
Gen Ed Self & Society	3 ENG 110 or 112 (Gen Ed Literacy- Written)	3
HIS 101, 102, or ARC 200 (Gen Ed World Hist)	3 Gen Ed Natural Lab Science	4
Gen Ed Arts	2-3 Gen Ed Arts	2-3
Gen Ed Math	4 Gen Ed Health & Well-Being	3
	15	15
Year 2		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CST 271	3 CST 378 ¹	3
Interpersonal Communication Emphasis Elective	3 Organizational & Professional Comm. Emphasis Elective	3
Media Studies Elective	3 Minor Course	3
SAC Core Gen Ed Natural Lab Science	4 SAC Core Course	3
University Elective	2 Gen Ed Math/ Lang/Logical System	3
	15	15
Year 3		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CST 301	3 CST 419 ¹	3
Minor Course	3 CST 498	3
Gen Ed Elective	3 CST Elective	3
SAC Core Course	3 Minor Course	3
Gen Ed Hum-Lit	3 University Elective	3
	15	15
Year 4		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CST 499	3 Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3 Minor Course	3
Gen Ed Minority Cultures	3 Gen Ed Global Studies	3
CST Elective	3 Gen Ed Elective	3
Public Communication & Advocacy Emphasis Elective	3 SAC Core Diversity Course	3
	15	15

Total Credits: 120

¹ Check course availability. May need to rearrange schedule if course is not offered at this time.