

College of Arts and Sciences 2025-2026 Degree Worksheet

B.A. COMMUNICATION STUDIES

COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES Language Requirement

All students who major in the College of Arts & Sciences are required to demonstrate competence in a second language. For complete details: <https://www.gonzaga.edu/college-of-arts-sciences/about/information-for-students/language-requirement-information>

	Credits	Sem/Yr

UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

► FUNDAMENTAL CORE COURSES

Year 1: Understanding & Creating

	Credits	Sem/Yr
<i>Writing</i>		
ENGL 101 Writing <i>(fulfills 3 credits Writing Enriched)*</i>	3	
<i>Reasoning</i>		
PHIL 101 Reasoning	3	
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
Dept. 193	3	
<i>Communication & Speech</i>		
COMM 100 Communication & Speech	3	
<i>Math</i>		
MATH <i>(must be above Math 100)</i>	3	
<i>Scientific Inquiry (2cr + 1cr lab)</i>		
BIOL or CHEM or PHYS 104/104L <i>(taken year 1 or 2)</i>	3	

Year 2: Being & Becoming

	Credits	Sem/Yr
<i>Christianity & Catholic Traditions</i>		
RELI <i>(see approved list)**</i>	3	
<i>Philosophy of Human Nature</i>		
PHIL 201 Philosophy of Human Nature	3	

Year 3: Caring & Doing

	Credits	Sem/Yr
<i>World/Comparative Religion</i>		
RELI <i>(see approved list)** (fulfills 3cr Global Studies)*</i>	3	
<i>Ethics</i>		
PHIL 301 Ethics or RELI 330 Principles-Christian Morality	3	

Year 4: Imagining the Possible

	Credits	Sem/Yr
<i>Core Integration Seminar</i>		
Dept. 432	3	

NOTE: some courses have pre-requisites, check the catalog carefully!

► BROADENING COURSES - see approved list**

	Credits	Sem/Yr
Social & Behavioral Science	3	
Literature	3	
History	3	
Fine Arts & Design	3	

► REQUIRED COURSE DESIGNATIONS - see approved list**

*Writing Enriched	9 total	
Social Justice	3 total	
*Global Studies	6 total	

**for list of approved RELI, Broadening & Designated courses, see : <https://my.gonzaga.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/general-degree-requirements-procedures/university-core>

B.A. COMMUNICATION STUDIES: 37 CREDITS

LOWER DIVISION

15 Credits

Theoretical/Conceptual Foundation Courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits
COMM 210	Understanding Meaning-making	3
COMM 220	Understanding Power in Culture	3
COMM 230	Understanding Identity	3

Inquiry Methods Courses:

COMM 275	Analyzing Public Texts	3
COMM 285/SOSJ 263	Analyzing Practices & Habits	3

UPPER DIVISION

22 Credits

Course	Course Title	Credits
COMM 484	Senior Seminar	3
COMM 490	Crafting Professional identity	1

ELECTIVES:

18 Credits

Select six (6) of the following courses, two (2) of which must be at the 400-level.

Course	Course Title	Credits
COMM 310	Politics of Popular Culture	3
COMM 320/INST 320	Resistance, Struggle & Power	3
COMM 330/INST 332	Politics of Space & Place	3
COMM 331/SOSJ 363	Argumentation & Debate	3
COMM 340	Encounters in Public Spheres	3
COMM 350/INST 351	Politics of Social Memory	3
COMM 360	Media Aesthetics	3
COMM 370	Digital Culture/Networked Self	3
COMM 401	Communication & Leadership	3
COMM 420	Critical/Cultural Communication	3
COMM 430	Intersectional Communication	3
COMM 440/INST 440	Rhetoric of Social Change	3
COMM 450/SOSJ 465	Justice & Arts of Civic Life	3
COMM 480	Themes in Communication	3
COMM 485	Communication Abroad*	3
COMM 497	Internship	3

NOTE: Many upper level electives may have pre-requisites.

Plan your 200-level coursework based on the upper level electives you wish to take. Check the catalog carefully. Consult with your advisor or the Dept. Chair for assistance.

*COMM 485 is for transfer credit for select study abroad experiences