



University of Montana - Four-Year Academic Plan 2023-2024
College of Humanities and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies

This is a sample academic plan. Students should meet with an academic advisor prior to registration to formulate their own plan.

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
COMX 111A: Introduction to Public Speaking	3	COMX 220S: Introduction to Organizational Communication	3	COMX Elective (300+)	3	COMX 460: Research Methods	3
FL 101: Foreign Language	4	COMX 240H: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory	3	COMX Elective (300+)	3	COMX 461: Communication Research Seminar (Optional)	1
WRIT 101: College Writing	3	General Education Requirement	3	Elective (300+)	3	Elective 300+	3
General Education Requirement	3	General Education Requirement	3	Elective (300+)	3	Elective (300+)	3
First Year Seminar	1	Elective	3	Elective	3	Elective	3
						Elective	3
Credits	14	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credit	16
Spring 2024		Spring 2025		Spring 2026		Spring 2027	
COMX 115S: Introduction to Interpersonal Communications	3	Intermediate Writing Course	3	COMX Advanced Writing Course*	3	COMX Elective (300+)	3
FL 102: Foreign Language	4	COMX Elective	3	COMX Elective (300+)	3	Elective (300+)	3
Math 115: Probability & Linear Math (or a different level math course)	3	General Education Requirement	3	COMX Elective	3	Elective (300+)	3
General Education Requirement	3	Elective	3	Elective (300+)	3	Elective	3
General Education Requirement	3	Elective	3	Elective	3	Elective	3
Credits	16	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	15
Summer		Summer		Summer		Summer	
Credits	0	Credits	0	Credits	0	Credits	0
Total Credits	30	Total Credits	60	Total Credits	105	Total Credits	121

Notes:

Gen Ed categories fulfilled through major requirements: A, S, and H. **Rev 9/23**

Gen Ed categories to plan: L, E, Y, X, and N. All categories require 3 credits except for N, which requires 6 credits including one course with a lab.

A total of 120 credits, including 39 upper division credits (300+ level) are required for a degree.

The major requires a minimum of 36 total COMX credits, including at least 18 upper division COMX credits with grades of C- or higher. A maximum of 6 credits in COMX 312 and a maximum of 6 credits in COMX 398 can be counted towards the major.

*Advanced Writing courses include: COMX 347, COMX 414, COMX 421, COMX 422, COMX 424, COMX 445, and COMX 447.

ElevateU Career Readiness Plan

GRADUATE CAREER-READY BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BELOW ACTIVITIES WHILE AT UM.

Discover how your strengths, values, and interests relate to career and education pathways.

- Take the Strong Interest Inventory or other career assessments to see what careers may be a good fit for you.*
- Download the Handshake app and activate your account to explore jobs*
- Attend “careers and opportunities” fairs and join a First Time at the Fair tour*
- Join student groups that align with your interests*
- Explore career options at What Can I Do With This Major? (click on “Major Exploration”)*
- Learn about specific occupations on O*Net Online
- Schedule an appointment for Career Planning and Major Exploration

EXPLORE
Pathways for you

Participate in experiential (hands-on) learning to refine your interests and goals.

- Seek and apply for internships or part-time jobs on Handshake*
- Participate in Volunteer Programs*
- Consider studying abroad or at another US university for a semester or year*
- Consider an internship abroad*
- Conduct undergraduate research at UM*
 - Secure a paid micro-internship
 - Participate in the Griz Career Skills Program
 - Schedule an appointment for Internship Search, International Internship Search, National Student Exchange, Job Search Strategies, and Handshake How-To

EXPERIENCE
and Grow

- Meet employers at career fairs and events*
- Develop a stellar resume and cover letter*
- Practice interview skills
- Learn how to negotiate your salary and benefits package
- Fine-tune your LinkedIn profile
- Apply for jobs, graduate/professional school, or national service
- Schedule an appointment for Resume, Cover letter, Interview Prep, Personal Statement, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning

ELEVATE
to Your Career

Refine your personal brand and develop stand-out application materials to achieve your goals

EMBRACE
Your Goals

- Strengthen relationships with faculty and supervisors who can guide and recommend you*
 - Connect with alumni in fields or companies of interest through the Griz Career Network
 - Expand your network to gain insights and support through LinkedIn
 - Conduct career conversations with professionals in fields of interest
 - Gain industry and company-specific skills through free Forage job simulations
 - Schedule an appointment to discuss Networking Strategies, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning
- Develop skills and network to help you pursue your goals**

YOUR CAREER SUPPORT OFFICES AT UM

Experiential Learning & Career Success (ELCS) is for all UM students!

Students in the following Schools and Colleges have additional access to the following career services:

- College of Business Career Development Center
- Career Trailhead professional readiness program
- College of Humanities and Sciences Career Planning Center
- Davidson Honors College Career Development Program
- School of Law Career Development Office
- Missoula College Career Services

