Transfer Students – BA/BS Communication

Website: communication.utah.edu | Email: comm-advisor@utah.edu

**Degree:** The official degree is a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Communication. A student’s diploma will read “Communication”. Transcript will designate major emphasis (fall 2019 and after).

**Major Emphases:** Students will choose to complete one of four emphases:

- **Strategic Communication**— PR, Marketing, and Advertising
- **Journalism**— online, broadcast, print
- **Communication Studies**— interpersonal, organizational, rhetoric, argumentation, cultural/media
- **Science, Health, Environment, and Risk**— prepare for careers in public health or communication for health or environmental organizations.

**Major/Emphasis Requirements:** Each emphasis is 14 Communication courses and all 14 Communication courses must be passed with a ‘C’ or better.

Students must complete a total of 122 credit hours to earn their Bachelor’s degree. 40 of those credit hours must be upper division (3000-level or higher). Students may need to complete additional courses outside of general education and major requirements in order to meet total required hours.

**Transfer Courses:** A maximum of four (4) Communication courses from another college or university may fulfill major requirements. See an advisor to find out how your transfer communication courses can be applied to the major.

**Associates Degree:** An Associates of Arts or Associates of Science from a local Utah institution will clear your General Education at the U. Students must have a final transcript sent to the U once that degree is posted.

**Declaration:** Communication students are able to officially declare the major once they have obtained a 2.75 University of Utah cumulative GPA and have successfully passed at least one University of Utah Communication course with a ‘C’ or better. Major declaration can be completed on our website at communication.utah.edu.

**Catalog Year:** A student’s catalog year (major requirements) is determined by when the major is officially declared. Major requirements are subject to change at the beginning of each academic year and therefore it is very important for students to be aware of their catalog year and know how they can access it. Students will be required to complete the set of requirements that are associated with their catalog year. For example, if a student declares their major at the beginning of the spring 2018 semester they would be completing the requirements associated with the 2017-2018 catalog year. Once a student if officially declared they are not subject to any new changes made to major requirements.

**BA vs. BS:** Bachelor of Arts demonstrates and requires fourth semester proficiency in a second language. Bachelor of Science demonstrates proficiency in math and requires 2 QI classes (upper division statistics/logic).

For questions regarding the BA Language Requirement please contact Lisa Hutton at lisa.hutton@utah.edu

**Academic Calendar:** It is the student’s responsibility to check the Academic Calendars for important dates and deadlines. Students should also be aware of registration dates and deadlines for each upcoming semester.

**Registration Dates:** Log into CIS → click on the ‘Registration’ tile → click ‘View your Registration Dates’ → click on the correct term → you will then see your assigned date and time for registration.

**Wait List Policy:** Communication classes fill quickly, so students are encouraged to plan ahead and enroll on your assigned Registration Date. If a class is full when a student registers, wait listing allows a student to add their name to an electronic wait list and potentially be added to the class if space opens up, and they meet all the requirements. Wait listing is not a guarantee to enrollment into a class. It is recommended that the student drop themselves from any classes they are wait listed in once they have set their final schedule

**Pre-Requisites:** Beginning Summer 2019, The Department of Communication will be enforcing all course pre-requisites

- What if the pre-requisite I need is in progress?
You will be able to conditionally add the course. If you do not successfully complete the pre-requisite course with a C or better, you will be dropped.

- What if I’m a transfer student?
  - Transfer courses from accredited Utah institutions that are equivalent to U of U courses will satisfy pre-requisites.
  - Transfer courses from out of state institutions that may be equivalent to U of U courses must be approved by an advisor.
  - Transfer courses must be completed/posted on the degree audit in order for approval to be considered.

Degree Audits: Students are expected to be generating their Degree Audit regularly. It is the official degree tracking tool and is used to clear student for graduation and award degrees.

Log into CIS → click the ’My Degree Dashboard’ tile

My Degree Dashboard

Class Schedules: log into CIS → find the below tile and click on the appropriate schedule

Spring 2018 Class Schedule
Fall 2017 Class Schedule
Summer 2017 Class Schedule

Add Class: CIS → click on the ’Registration’ tile → click on ‘Add Class’ tile → type class number in text box