Bachelor of Arts

Communication with a Major in Media Studies (BA)

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Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral) 3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math) 3
Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language) 0-6
Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information) 3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature) 8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3

COMM 101R is required to fulfill the Oral Communication requirement.
STAT 130M is required to fulfill the Mathematics requirement (BS only).
COMM 270A/ITHEA 270A may not be used to satisfy the Human Creativity requirement.
The Information Literacy and Research requirement may be met in the major with COMM 280T or COMM 372T.
The Impact of Technology requirement may be met in the major with COMM 298T or COMM 372T.

Upper-Division General Education

• Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
• Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
• Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
• Option D. Six Hours of Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Arts and Humanities Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:
• Minimum of 120 credit hours.
• Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
• Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
• Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
• Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
• Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
• Completion of Senior Assessment.

Communication Core

BA Core Courses
COMM 200S Introduction to Human Communication 3
COMM 260 Understanding Media 3
COMM 301 Critical Methodologies 3
COMM writing intensive (W) course (see the major areas for appropriate selection) 3

BA Additional Core Course
COMM 335W Rhetorical Criticism 3
or COMM 445 Communication Analysis and Criticism 3

Total Credit Hours 15

Media Studies Major

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Choose nine courses (27 credit hours): three courses (9 credit hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 credit hours) from Applied Theories. Students majoring in Media Studies may not use COMM 372T to satisfy their Impact of Technology general education requirement. The Senior Experience can be met by completing an internship, a study abroad/away, taking a designated service learning course, doing a research practicum, or by enrolling in the Capstone course (COMM 433). The Identity and Inclusion requirement may be met with COMM 315W, COMM 488, COMM 495: LGBTQ Organizational Culture in PNW, and COMM 495: Disabilities Studies. Students should check with their advisor for additional course options to meet the Identity and Inclusion requirement.

General Education
Complete lower-division requirements 35-47
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours) 6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level 0-6

Communication Core
Complete communication core requirements 15

Foundations
COMM 344 Introduction to Media Industries 3
COMM 345 Media Audiences 3
COMM 372T Introduction to New Media Technologies 3

Applied Theories
Select six of the following: 18
COMM 324 British Media in London
COMM 334 Narrative Adaptation
COMM 339 Entertainment Journalism
COMM 340 Media and Popular Culture
COMM 346 Screenwriting I
COMM 366 Public Journalism in the Digital Age
COMM 368 Internship
COMM 375  Television Production
COMM 382  Reporting News for Television and Digital Media
COMM 388  Motion Picture Aesthetics
COMM 395  Topics in Communication
COMM 430  TV Screenwriting
COMM 433  Capstone
COMM 441  The Music Industry and Communication
COMM 442  Media Spaces
COMM 443  Hispanic Film
COMM 444  German Cinema I
or WCS 445  German Cinema I
COMM 447W  Electronic Media Law and Policy
COMM 448  Transnational Media Systems
COMM 455  Critical Analysis of Journalism
COMM 470  History of Television
COMM 471W  International Film History
COMM 472  New Media Topics: Theories and Practices
COMM 473  Television and Society
COMM 474  Reality Television
COMM 475  Superheroes and US Media
COMM 476  Manly TV
COMM 477  Children's Media and Culture
COMM 478  Media Marketing and Promotion
COMM 479W  American Film History
COMM 482  Screenwriting II
COMM 485  Film and Television Genres
COMM 488  Introduction to Critical Race and Media Studies
COMM 491  Communication and Activism
DANC 361  Hip Hop Dance & Culture 1
DANC 362  Hip Hop Dance & Culture 2
THEA 371  History of Animation
WMST 304  Gender and Sexuality in Film
WMST 405  Gender and Media

**COMM Elective**

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<td>Complete COMM elective</td>
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**Total Credit Hours** 86-104

Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

### Additional Requirements and Information

ALL students majoring in programs in Communication, Dance, and Theatre are required to complete a Senior Experience as part of their degree. Senior Experiences are designed as stepping stones for students to apply knowledge and skills accrued throughout their coursework toward preparing for future careers. Senior Experience course options will vary by major but include options for an internship, a study abroad/away experience, a service-learning course, a senior capstone, or more specialized experiences within students' chosen majors. Please see descriptions included under each major for more options. Students become eligible for the Senior Experience options once they reach 90 credits or with permission of the Senior Experience Coordinator. Students will be directed by their advisor to opportunities that are suited for their area of study and as other opportunities become available. For more information please reach out to the Senior Experience Coordinator, Alison Lietzenmayer.

ALL students majoring in programs in Communication, Dance, and Theatre must complete a minimum of one three-credit Identity and Inclusion course as part of their curriculum studies to graduate with a degree from the department. This course can either fulfill an applied theories course within a student's area or count as an elective toward their 120-credits needed to earn their degree.

Cinema & TV Production students need to complete COMM 271 Introduction to Filmmaking prior to enrollment in any Foundations course, and should not enroll in COMM 269.

### Departmental Requirements

Majors must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better in the major in order to graduate.

### Additional Communication Major Courses

Students pursuing either the BA or the BS degree are required to take 10 Communication classes beyond the core course requirements listed above (these courses include the Senior Experience and Identity & Inclusion requirements listed above). Nine of those 10 courses (27 credit hours) must be in the student's selected major (see major details below). One course (3 credit hours) may be 100-200 level and/or from any major area.

The Senior Experience requirement in the Communication program (which includes the Cinema & TV Production major, Communication Studies major, Media Studies major, Professional Communication major, and Strategic Communication major) can be achieved by completing opportunities such as the following:

#### Internship

- COMM 368  Internship  3,6

#### Study Abroad

- COMM 300  International Sojourning  3
- COMM 324  British Media in London  3
- COMM 440  Documentary Filmmaking Study Abroad  3

Other study abroad/study away offerings offered within the Department

#### Service Learning

Approved Service Learning Courses (varies by semester)

- Capstone
  - COMM 433  Capstone  3

#### Research Practicum

- COMM 369  Research Practicum  3
- or COMM 469  Communication Education Practicum  3

#### ROAR

- COMM 490  Advanced Strategic Communications (available only for Strategic Communication majors)  3

COMM Cinema & TV Production Majors may also choose from:

- COMM 439  WHRO Production  3
- COMM 482  Screenwriting II  3
- COMM 483  Advanced Video Project  3
- COMM 486  Advanced Filmmaking  3
- COMM 493  Feature Film Production  3

#### Communication Electives

Select one COMM elective (3 credit hours), which may be any COMM class that is not in the student's major in addition to the following.

- COMM 103R  Voice and Diction  3
- COMM 112R  Introduction to Interpersonal Communication  3
- COMM 195  Topics in Communication  1-3
- COMM 225  Introduction to Production Technology  3
- COMM 269  Visual Storytelling  3
- COMM 270A  Film Appreciation  3
- COMM 271  Introduction to Filmmaking  3
- COMM 272G  Digital Literacy  3
- COMM 280T  Entertainment Technologies  3
- COMM 295  Topics in Communication  1-3
- COMM 304  Advanced Public Speaking  3

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COMM 307  Understanding European Film  3
COMM 321  Production Management for Television and Stage  3
COMM 324  British Media in London  3
COMM 325  Sound Design for Stage and Camera  3
COMM 331  Argumentation and Debate  3
COMM 332  Making African-American Cinema  3
COMM 337  Model League of Arab States  3
COMM 341  Lighting Design for Stage and Film  3
COMM 349  Costume Design for Stage and Camera  3
COMM 354  Drafting and Rendering for Stage and Screen  3
COMM 356  Silhouette Animation  3
COMM 357  Claymation  3
COMM 359  Costume Crafts  3
COMM 364  Radio  3
COMM 365  Electronic News  3
COMM 366  Public Journalism in the Digital Age  3
COMM 367  Cooperative Education  1-3
COMM 369  Research Practicum  3
COMM 370  The Video Project  3
COMM 382  Reporting News for Television and Digital Media  3
COMM 453  Voice Over  3
COMM 461  Arts Administration  3
COMM 469  Communication Education Practicum  3

**Writing Intensive Requirement**

Communication majors must complete at least one writing intensive course in the major from the following courses:

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<td>Strategic Communications Writing</td>
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<td>COMM 315W</td>
<td>Sex, Gender, and Communication</td>
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<td>Intercultural Communication</td>
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<td>Electronic Media Law and Policy</td>
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<td>International Film History</td>
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**Internships and Practicum courses**

Students may apply three credit hours of COMM 368 Internship toward their major credit hours. Three additional credit hours may count as elective credits toward the overall total credit hour count for the degree. In addition, students may apply only six credits total from the following classes toward the major:

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**Special Topics in Communication Courses and Communication Tutorials**

Special Topics in Communication courses and Communication Tutorials courses may be included in a given major when and where appropriate and as approved by the student's communication advisor:

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<td>COMM 497</td>
<td>Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Communication</td>
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**Degree Program Guide**

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

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<td>Human Creativity (May not use COMM 270A / THEA 270A)</td>
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<td>COMM 101R</td>
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<td>Writing, Rhetoric, and Research (Grade of C or better required) or Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics</td>
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<td>Junior</td>
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<td>Applied Theories or Foundations course in Major Area (depending on major selected)</td>
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<td>COMM 301</td>
<td>Critical Methodologies</td>
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Linked BA/BS in Communication and MA in Lifespan and Digital Communication

The linked bachelor's/master's degree in communication/lifespan and digital communication is administered by the Communication and Theatre Arts Department. The purpose of this option is to allow exceptional majors in communication to count up to 12 hours of 500-level graduate coursework towards both the BA or BS in communication and, if accepted, the MA in lifespan and digital communication. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). For more information, please contact Dr. Gary Beck.

Linked BA/BS in Communication and MA in Humanities

Please refer to the Humanities section of this Catalog for information on the linked program leading to a BA or BS in communication and an MA in humanities.

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master’s degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student’s senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.

Please consult list of Senior Experience options relevant to each major.