

**Recommended Academic Plan for Communication ([COMBA](#) at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)  
Effective Spring 2010**

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	General Education Selection*	3
<a href="#">ENGL 015</a> (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition <i>or</i> <a href="#">ENGL 030</a> (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	General Education Selection*	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3	General Education Selection**	3
Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), or Social & Behavioral Science (GS)*	3	Bachelor of Arts <a href="#">Other Cultures</a> Course	3
<a href="#">COMM 100</a> (GS) The Mass Media and Society <i>or</i> <a href="#">COMM 118</a> (GS) Introduction to Media Effects	3	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
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Total Credits:	17	Total Credits:	16
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
<a href="#">CAS 100</a> (GWS) Effective Speech	3	<a href="#">CMPSC 203</a> (GQ)** <b>Intro. to Spreadsheets and Databases</b>	3
General Education Selection*	3	<a href="#">CAS 101</a> (GS) Introduction to Human Communication <i>or</i> <a href="#">CAS 202</a> (GS) Introduction to Communication Theory	3
General Education Selection**	3	General Education Selection**	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3	BA Knowledge Domain	3
<a href="#">COMM 160</a> Basic News Writing Skills (recommended)	1	Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5
Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4		
Total Credits:	16–17	Total Credits:	13.5
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<a href="#">ENGL 202A, B, or D</a> (GWS) Effective Writing:	3	<a href="#">CAS 204</a> <b>Communication Research Methods</b>	3
<a href="#">COMM 242</a> <b>Basic Video/Filmmaking</b>	3	<a href="#">COMM 315</a> <b>Applications for Media Writing</b>	3
<a href="#">CAS 212</a> Professional Public Speaking <i>or</i> <a href="#">CAS 252</a> Business and Professional Communication	3	Select one 3-credit CAS “W” <i>or</i> COMM “W” course	3
<a href="#">COMM 410</a> (US;IL) <b>International Mass Communications</b> <i>or</i> <a href="#">CAS 471</a> (US;IL) <b>Intercultural Communication Theory and Research</b>	3	<b>COMM or CAS 400-level</b>	3
<a href="#">CAS 201</a> Introduction to Rhetorical Theory <i>or</i> <a href="#">CAS 375</a> Rhetoric and Public Controversy	3	CAS <i>or</i> COMM 200- <i>or</i> 300-level	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5		15
Total Credits:	16.5	Total Credits:	
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
Elective	2–3	BA Knowledge Domain	3
CAS <i>or</i> COMM 200- <i>or</i> 300-level	3	General Education Selection*	3
<b>COMM or CAS 400-level</b>	3	Elective	3
<b>COMM or CAS 400-level</b>	3	<a href="#">COMM 494</a> <b>Research Project Courses</b> <i>or</i> <a href="#">COMM 495</a> <b>Internship</b>	3
General Education Selection*	3		
Total Credits:	14–15	Total Credits:	12

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to college.
- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- **Bold Italics** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better and that satisfy both major and General Education requirements.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- \*Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major.
- \*\*Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be completed within the degree requirements.
- W and Y are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

**Scheduling patterns for courses not taught each semester:** refer to the [check sheet](#) and consult with your adviser

**Program Notes:** Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.

**Academic Advising Notes:** The course series listed above is only one of many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of electives required varies per student. Please be sure to consult with an adviser about your intended plan.