The Communication Science and Social Inquiry Major requires 120 credits for graduation. The curriculum includes the following elements: Core Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, Major Electives, Pathways to General Education, Minor, and Electives.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (I-III)**

Communication Science and Social Inquiry Majors take 22 credits in Core Degree Requirements and 24 credits in courses specific to the major. See reverse for other requirements and “progress to degree” criteria. Only COMM, CMST, JMC, and PR courses can meet degree and major requirements.

### I. CORE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (22 credits)—Required courses across all majors in Communication:

- COMM 1004 First Semester Experience in Communication (1)
- COMM 1014 Introduction to Communication (3)
- COMM 2024 Media Writing (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H
- COMM 2034 Visual Media (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H
- COMM 2084 Media and Society (3)
- COMM 2094 Communication and Issues of Diversity (3). Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106
- COMM 2124 Introduction to Communication Research (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H
- COMM 4024 Communication Law (3) Pre: Senior standing

### II. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)

- COMM 1015 Communication Skills I (3)  
- COMM 1016 Communication Skills II (3)  
  **Note:** Alternative to 1015-16 for transfer students entering the major after freshman year:
  - COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3) Pre: Sophomore standing.
  - COMM 2014 Speech Communication (3)
- CMST 3066 Persuasion (3) Junior standing. Pre: COMM 1016 or COMM 2004
- CMST 3214 Professional Communication (3) Pre: COMM 1016 or COMM 2004
- CMST 4214 Web Content Management Strategies (3) or JMC 4064 Social Media Analytics (3) Pre: COMM 2124

### III. MAJOR ELECTIVES (9 credits, including at least three credits at the 4000-level):

- CMST 2064 The Rhetorical Tradition (3)
- CMST 2134 Introduction to Health Communication (3)
- CMST 3074 Persuasive Public Speaking (3) Pre: COMM 1016 or COMM 2004
- CMST 3124 Interpersonal Communication (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- CMST 3134 Public Advocacy (3) Junior standing. Junior standing. Pre: COMM 1016 or COMM 2004
- JMC 3254 (PSCI 3254) Media and Politics (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- CMST 3264 Communication and Gender (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- CMST 3274 Social Dimensions of Games, Sims, and Virtual Environments (3). Pre: Junior standing.
- PR 3324 Corporate Communication (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- JMC 4014 Media Effects (3) Pre: Junior standing, COMM 2124
- JMC 4044 (IS 4044) International Communication Pre: Senior standing.
- JMC 4064 Social Media Analytics (3) Pre: COMM2124 or CMST 4214 Web Content Management Strategies (3)
- PR 4074 Organizational Communication (3) Pre: Senior standing.
- CMST 4174 Digital Advocacy Campaigns (3) Senior standing. Pre: COMM 1016 or 2004, COMM 2124
- CMST 4244 Topics in Communication Science and Social Inquiry (3) Junior standing. Pre: COMM 1014
- JMC 4264 Social Media Theory and Practice (3) Pre: COMM 2034
- CMST 4324 Issues in Health Communication (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- JMC 4334 Communication Ethics (3) Pre: Junior standing.
- JMC 4374 New Communications Technology (3) Pre: Junior standing, COMM 2084 or 4014
- COMM 4994 Undergraduate Research (3)

**Total major credits: 46**

**Prerequisites:** Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Be sure to consult the University Catalog and/or check with your adviser.
IV. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION (45 credits)
Communication Science and Social Inquiry Majors are encouraged to broaden their education by sampling courses from many disciplines. Courses taken to meet Core Degree Requirements (see reverse) cannot double-count in Pathways.

Pathways Core 1 Discourse (9 credits) Select 3 courses (3)f_____ (3)f_____ (3)a______

Pathways Core 2 Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credits) Select 2 courses (3)_______ (3)_______

Pathways Core 3 Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credits) Select 2 courses (3)_______ (3)_______

Pathways Core 4 Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credits) Select 2 courses (3)_______ (3)_______

Pathways Core 5 Quantitative & Computational Thinking (9 credits) Select 3 courses (3)f_____ (3)f_____ (3)a______

Pathways Core 6 Critique & Practice in Design & Art (6 credits) Select 2 courses (3)a______ (3)d______

Pathways Core 7 Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in U.S. (3 credits) Select 1 course (3)_______

Pathways credits: 45

V. MINOR + ELECTIVES (29 credits)
In addition to Major and Pathways requirements, students must complete the following to reach 120 credits for graduation:

1. Minor, cognate, or double major—Beyond studies in Communication, students must build content knowledge in another area of focus by completing a minor or cognate (minimum 18 credits) or double major (credits vary by major). Students should NOT take COMM, CMST, JMC, or PR courses as part of this requirement.

2. Electives—Once students complete a minor or cognate, they still need credits for graduation. Students might consider education abroad, an internship, a field study, undergraduate research, independent study, or other non-required Pathways or foreign language courses. Students should NOT include COMM, CMST, JMC, or PR courses among these electives.

Minor and elective credits: 29

Total credits for graduation: 120

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
1. Minimum of 120 semester credit hours from the following categories: Core Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, Major Electives, Pathways to General Education, Minor and Electives.
2. Minimum of 46 credits in COMM, CMST, JMC, or PR; maximum 48 credits in COMM, CMST, JMC, or PR.
3. Overall GPA of 2.0; major GPA 2.0, based on all COMM, CMST, JMC, and PR courses the student has completed.
4. Courses taken in major to fulfill graduation requirements must be graded A-F (not pass/fail).
5. COMM, CMST, JMC, or PR courses taken for a minor may NOT be counted toward major requirements.
6. Foreign Language—Requirement can be met in one of three ways:
   - 3 years of single foreign language in high school OR
   - 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college OR
   - 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (This credit must be in addition to the 120 credits required for graduation.)

PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE
A student will be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree by meeting these requirements:

- Completion of COMM 1004 within the first 3 classes (9 credits) in the major.
- Completion of COMM 1014 within the first 6 classes (18 credits) in the major. Minimum grade of C- required.
- Completion of COMM 2124 within the first 8 classes (24 credits) in the major.
- Overall GPA—Students who fall below 2.0 will follow university policies for probation and subsequent suspension if the GPA is not raised during the probation period.
- Major GPA—Students who fall below 2.0 in their major coursework will have one semester to regain the required GPA standards. All COMM, CMST, JMC, and PR courses are included in this calculation. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress toward degree after that semester will be blocked from continuing in CSSI or another Department of Communication major.
Summary of changes on the 2022 CSSI Major checksheet
from the approved 2021 CSSI major checksheet

+ Throughout the checksheet, “Pathways to General Education” replaced all references to “Curriculum for Liberal Education.”

+ Under “II. Major Requirement” (Page 1), COMM 2014 (Speech Communication) replaced a general COMM elective as the required second course (with COMM 2004: Public Speaking) for transfer students who did not take COMM 1015-1016.

+ Under “II. Major Requirement” (Page 1):
  + New CMST course designators replaced COMM designators for three courses: 3064, 3214 and 4214. JMC replaced the COMM designator for 4064.
  + Students can now choose to take either CMST 4214 or JMC 4064. Note: CMST 4214 is a new course now going through the approval process. That new course is to be effective in Fall 2020.

+ Under “III. Major Electives” (Page 1):
  + CMST, JMC and PR course designators replaced COMM designators on most elective courses.
  + Students who take CMST 4214 as a major requirement can take JMC 4064 as a major elective. Those who take JMC 4064 as a major requirement can take CMST 4214 as a major elective.

+ Under “IV. Pathways to General Education” (Page 2), Pathways information replaced CLE information.

+ Under “V. Minors + Electives” and in other sections on Page 2, references to CMST, JMC, and PR courses were added.