

Communication and Digital Studies



Students who pursue this major will develop the critical tools to study and use digital technology to effectively communicate in a dynamic new media environment. The major provides students with the means to navigate the rapidly changing nature of both communication networks and

the world they live in. The coursework in this major focuses on new theoretical directions in the field of digital studies, and provides students with a dynamic understanding of how communication practices currently work through digital means and how those practices can be adapted to meet their future needs.

This is a new major that will be appealing to any student interested in studying communication or digital studies. If you are considering majoring in communication and digital studies you might try to take one of the lower-level communication classes (the major requires that you take two of the following: COMM 205, COMM 206, COMM 209), or DGST 101 (required for the major) in your first year. The lower-level communication classes are all designated as Speaking Intensive so they will count toward your General Education requirements. The major is flexible enough, however, that you do not have to take any of these courses during your first year.

As an interdisciplinary major students will have the opportunity to take electives in the major in a variety of different disciplines. These are the requirements for the major:

1) Communication Core (15 credits)

Two of: COMM 205: Public Speaking, COMM 206: Small Group Communication, COMM 209: Argumentation

COMM 340; COMM 341; either COMM 460 or COMM 491.

2) Digital Studies Core (9 credits)

DGST 101; one of: ARTS 104, CPSC 106, CPSC 110; DGST 395.

3) Electives (12 credits)

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Four of the following, with at least two at the 300- or 400-level: DGST 201, DGST 203, ENGL 203, ENGL 245, ENGL 252, ENGL 253, MUTC 100, MUTC 170, ARTS 341, ARTS 454, COMM 353, COMM 357, COMM 499, ENGL 314, ENGL 345, ENGL 350, ENGL 359, ENGL 386, ENGL 451, HISP 303, HIST 325, HIST 427, HIST 428, MUTC 320, MUTC 330, MUTC 370, PSCI 363, PSCI 450, SPAN 413.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a Communication and Digital Studies major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMM 205 – Public Speaking 2. DGST 101 – Intro to Digital Studies 3. PHYS 101 – Gen Physics with Lab 4. SPAN 101 – Beginning Spanish 5. FSEM 100M7 – Beyond the Selfie 	Major, SI Major NS Language FSEM

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FSEM 100E – Part Game, Part Play 2. EESC 111 – Our Dynamic Earth with lab 3. COMM 206 – Small Group Communication 4. FREN 101 – Beginning French 5. CPSC 106 – Digital Storytelling 	FSEM NS Major, SI Language Major