

THE UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

2025-2026 CURRICULUM GUIDE

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

DEGREE: BA

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SUGGESTED four-year plan of study (other class schedules are possible):

<i>Fall Semester Classes</i>		<i>Spring Semester Classes</i>	
Freshman	Units		Units
CONN 100-level	1	Critical Conversations Seminar (CCS)	1
COMM 150-199 ¹ (SS/Hi Division requirement) or Elective	1	COMM 150-199 ¹ or Elective	1
Division requirement 2 or Elective	1	Division requirement 2 or Elective	1
Language or Elective	1	Language or Elective	1
Sophomore	Units		Units
COMM 230 or 240	1	COMM 230 or 240	1
Division requirement 3	1	CONN 200+ 1 or Elective	1
Elective	1	KNOW or Elective	1
Elective	1	COMM elective 1 ²	1
Junior	Units		Units
COMM 343, 344, or 373 ²	1	COMM 330 or 331 ²	1
COMM elective 2 ³	1	COMM elective 3 ³	1
CONN 200+ 1 or Elective	1	CONN 200+ 2 or Elective	1
Elective	1	KNOW or Elective	1
Senior	Units		Units
COMM elective 4 ³ or COMM elective 400+ ³	1	COMM elective 4 ³ or COMM elective 400+ ³	1
CONN 200+ 2 or Elective	1	KNOW 300+	1
KNOW or Elective	1	Elective	1
Elective	1	Elective	1

Fulfillment of the Experiential Learning and KNOW* requirements and min. of 32 units required to graduate

NOTES: See back page for explanation of any Sound Connections course prefixes.

***Refer to the '25-26 Bulletin for details on how to meet the Experiential Learning and KNOW requirements.**

- 1) COMM courses also satisfy the Social Sciences/History (SS/Hi) Division, one of three Division requirements.
- 2) Once these course requirements are met, additional courses from this group may be counted as one of the five additional COMM electives required.
- 3) Five elective units selected and approved through advising from COMM 299, 308, 321, 322, 345, 346, 347, 348, 350, 351, 352, 353, 360, 361, 368, 370, 372, 381, 383, 384, 399, 422, 444, 450, 460, 461, 482, 498 to include at least one elective at the 400-level.

Only one unit of 200-level elective and one unit of COMM 498 may be counted toward the major.

Minors may satisfy no more than one university core requirement from Communication Studies offerings.

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COURSE CHECKLIST

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

SOUND CONNECTIONS CORE (Passing grade required in all)			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (10 units; min. C- letter grade)		
COURSE	Units	Complete	COURSE	Units	Complete
First Year Experience (2 units):			COMM 150-199 (1 unit)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1) Connections 100-level (CONN 1xx)		<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 230	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Critical Conversations Seminar (CCS)		<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 240	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division Requirements: At least 1 course from each of 3 Divs. (3 units)			COMM 343, 344, or 373*	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1) Arts/Humanities (AR/HM)		<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 330 or 331*	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Social Sciences/History (SS/HS) ¹		<input type="checkbox"/>	Five COMM elective units**:		
3) Natural Sciences/Mathematics (NS/MA)		<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections (2 requirements):			2. #	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1) CONN 200+ 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) CONN 200+ 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	4.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language Requirement- Meet in 1 of following 3 ways (0-2 units):			5. 400+	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1) Two courses approved for Language requirement (2 units)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<p align="center">THIS FORM IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GRADUATION ANALYSIS</p>		
2) One approved Language course if either of the following are true (1 unit):		<input type="checkbox"/>			
A. Scored 4 or 5 on AP foreign language exam OR 5, 6, or 7 on IB higher level language exam, or					
B. Heritage Learner: non-English language spoken at home; bilingual to some degree.					
3) High School diploma is from school where primary language of instruction was not in English (0 units)		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Experiential Learning Requirement (EL): Meet via 1 of 4 options; Can double count. See Advisor for details. (0-1 unit)					
EL Course (COMM 292)		<input type="checkbox"/>			
KNOWledge, Identity & Power Requirements: Two courses. See the '24-25 Bulletin for details. Courses may also fulfill other program/graduation requirements (0-2 units)					
KNOW course (COMM 361, 370, 372)		<input type="checkbox"/>			
KNOW 300+ level course (COMM 361, 370, 372))		<input type="checkbox"/>			
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Students majoring or minoring in Communication Studies must earn a grade of C- or higher in all courses which are taken in fulfillment of a major or minor requirement.</p> <p>400-level courses are for Communication Studies majors only.</p> <p>Students may apply up to two approved courses of study abroad credit toward a Communication Studies major only.</p> <p>Majors and minors may satisfy no more than one university core requirement from Communication Studies offerings.</p> <p>1) Communication Studies courses that count for the major also satisfy the Social Sciences/History (SS/HS) Division requirement. Only one total unit of 100-level COMM courses may be counted toward the major. Additional 100-level CCOMM courses may count toward general University elective requirements.</p> <p>*Once these major requirements have been met, additional courses from COMM 330, 331, 343, 344, or 373 may be counted as one of the five electives.</p> <p>**Five elective units selected and approved through advising from COMM 299, 308, 321, 322, 345, 346, 347, 348, 350, 351, 352, 353, 360, 361, 368, 370, 372, 381, 383, 384, 399, 422, 444, 450, 460, 461, 482, and 498 to include at least one elective at the 400-level.</p> <p>#Only one total unit of 200-level elective and one unit of COMM 498 may be counted toward the major.</p>					