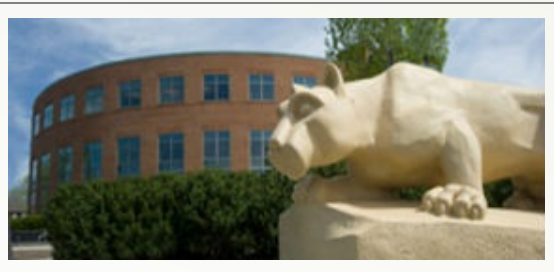


Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Communications is an interdisciplinary program combining practical, professional instruction with critical and cultural examinations of mass media. Penn State Harrisburg's interdisciplinary and theoretical approach is designed to enable students to understand the contextual relationships between contemporary media and ethics, history, drama, and art, as well as the mechanics of emerging information technologies. The program features small classes, a multidisciplinary faculty with real-world professional experience, high-technology laboratories, and an excellent location for media internships. This major prepares students for careers in areas such as public relations, journalism, graphic design, advertising, media production, and telecommunications. Because of the analytical approach, students may also use the major to prepare for postgraduate studies.



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Curriculum

For a B.A. degree in Communications, a minimum of 120 credits is required.

Entry to Major Requirements:

Entry to the Communications major requires a 2.00 or higher cumulative grade-point average and successful completion (earning a grade of C or better) of COMM 100 (GS).

Courses

In addition to General Education requirements (45 credits), this major requires the following:

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:

(Included in ELECTIVES)

UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:

(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

ELECTIVES: 12 credits

(These elective credits may be applied to a minor in consultation with an academic adviser. The number of elective credits needed varies depending on whether the student participates in an internship.)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 24 credits

(See description of Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements in the bulletin.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 39 credits

At least 12 credits of Communications courses must be taken at the 400 level.

PRESCRIBED COURSES (12 credits)

- COMM 251 The Nature of Media
- COMM 332 Reporting
- COMM 456 Media Criticism and Theory
- COMM 458 Media Law and Ethics

SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (12 credits)

Select 12 credits in a single discipline or subject area (other than Communications) in consultation with an academic adviser. These credits, combined with electives, may be applied to a minor in support of the student's interests.

Visit for complete details.

Undergraduate Admissions Requirements

Minimum high school course requirements for admission to baccalaureate (four-year) degree programs are listed below. Keep in mind that specific programs may have additional requirements or recommendations.

English

Four units, including one unit each in composition and literature, are required.

Social Studies/Art/Humanities

Three units in any combination of social studies, arts, and humanities are required.

World Language

Two units in a single world language other than English are required. However, a student may be admitted with fewer than two units in a world language other than English, but must correct this deficiency by the time s/he earns 60 credits or graduates from Penn State, whichever comes first. This deficiency may be corrected by passing one three- or four-credit college level world language course or by demonstrating proficiency equivalent to two units of high school world language study.

Either a third unit in the same language or an additional unit in a second world language other than English is recommended.

Science

Three units of science are required. Preparation in chemistry and physics is recommended but not required for our Science and Engineering/Engineering Technology programs

Math

Three units of mathematics are required (four are recommended), selected from any combination of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. Some programs have additional mathematics requirements. Our Business, Engineering/Engineering Technology, and Science programs require one-half unit of trigonometry or higher level math within the required three units

Penn State requires proof of graduation or a GED for admission to four-year degree programs.

*In most high school curricula, one unit = one year.

Visit Undergraduate Admissions: Admissions Requirements for more information (<http://goo.gl/eVGAMB>)