

Linguistics and Communication Studies, BA

Overview

In the combined major in linguistics and communication studies, students learn about the formal structures and analysis of human languages across multiple levels (sounds, words, phrases and sentences, meaning) while simultaneously mastering the fundamentals of effective communication and of communication theory and practice. Students receive extensive training in writing and speaking, both for a technical audience and more generally; and they explore the role of language and communication in society, both from a broad theoretical perspective and in narrower, more focused and applied domains.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Linguistics Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Linguistics Foundations		
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	4
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	4
LING 3412	Language and Culture	4
Linguistic Structure		
Complete three of the following:		12
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
Linguistics Electives		
Complete two courses not used to fulfill other degree requirements from the following options.		8
LING 3000 to LING 4999 ¹		
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	

¹ Please visit the Linguistics Courses page (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/linguistics/#coursestext>) within this catalog to review the list of courses in the LING 3000 - LING 4999 range.

Communication Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Studies Required Courses		
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	4
COMM 1112	Public Speaking	4
COMM 2301	Communication Research Methods	4
Foundation Course		
Complete one course from the following:		4

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COMM 1210	Persuasion and Rhetoric
COMM 1225	Communication Theory
COMM 1231	Principles of Organizational Communication
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age

Cluster Course

Complete one course from the following: 4

COMM 1131	Sex, Relationships, and Communication
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication
COMM 2304	Communication and Gender
COMM 2501	Communication Law
COMM 2551	Free Speech in Cyberspace

Writing-Intensive Course

Complete one course from the following: 4

COMM 3200	Mobile Communication
COMM 3201	Health Communication
COMM 3230	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3304	Communication and Inclusion
COMM 3320	Political Communication
COMM 3415	Communication Criticism
COMM 3445	Public Relations Principles
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
COMM 3501	Free Speech: Law and Practice
COMM 3530	Communication and Sexualities
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
COMM 4535	Nonverbal Social Interaction
COMM 4605	Youth and Communication Technology
COMM 4631	Crisis Communication and Image Management

Communication Studies Electives

Complete two additional COMM courses 8

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Sociolinguistics		
LING 3442	Sociolinguistics	4

Communication Studies Integrative Course

Complete one of the following, not used to fulfill above requirements: 4

COMM 3415	Communication Criticism
COMM 4602	Contemporary Rhetorical Theory

Capstone Experience

Complete one of the following, not used to fulfill above requirements: 4

COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns
COMM 4530	Communication and Quality of Life
COMM 4533	Consultation Skills
COMM 4602	Contemporary Rhetorical Theory
COMM 4608	Strategic Communication Capstone
COMM 4625	Online Communities
LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics

Communication Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Linguistics and Communication Studies Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 76 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Patterns:****FOUR YEARS, TWO SUMMER 2/FALL CO-OPS**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
COMM 1101		4 LING 2350		4 COMM Studies Elective		4 Elective	4
COMM 1112		4 LING 3412		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 COMM Studies Foundation Course		4			
LING 1000		1 Elective		4			
LING 1150		4					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
COMM 2301		4 LING 3442 (Or Linguistics Elective)		4 COMM Studies Elective		4 Co-op	
EEAM 2000 or EESC 2000		1 COMM Studies Elective		4 Elective		4	
COMM Studies Cluster Course		4 Foreign Language Course		4			
Foreign Language Course		4 Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective		4			
Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective		4					
		17		16		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ENGW 3315		4 COMM Studies Writing Intensive		4 Co-op	
		LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)		4 Elective		4	
		Foreign Language Course		4			
		Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		COMM 3415 or 4602		4			
		COMM Studies Writing Intensive		4			
		Integrative Capstone Experience		4			
		Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective		4			
		0		16			

Total Hours: 130**FIVE YEARS, THREE SUMMER 2/FALL CO-OPS**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
COMM 1101		4 LING 2350		4 Vacation		Vacation	
COMM 1112		4 LING 3412		4			
ENGW 1111		4 COMM Studies Foundation Course		4			

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LING 1000	1	Elective	4					
LING 1150	4							
	17		16			0		0
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
COMM 2301	4	EEAM 2000 or EESC 2000	1	Vacation		Co-op		
COMM Studies Cluster Course	4	COMM Studies Elective	4					
Foreign Language Course	4	COMM Studies Elective	4					
Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4	Foreign Language Course	4					
		Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4					
	16		17			0		0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Co-op		ENGW 3315	4	COMM Studies Elective	4	Co-op		
		LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)	4	Elective	4			
		Foreign Language Course	4					
		Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4					
	0		16			8		0
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Co-op		LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)	4	Elective	4	Co-op		
		COMM Studies Writing Intensive	4	Elective	4			
		Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4					
		Elective	4					
	0		16			8		0
Year 5								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-op		COMM 3415 or 4602	4					
		COMM Studies Elective	4					
		Integrative Capstone Experience	4					
		Elective	4					
	0		16					

Total Hours: 130