

Linguistics and Communication Studies, BA

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.

University-Wide Requirements

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

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<http://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 of the following (not counted elsewhere):		8
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3434	Bilingualism	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	

LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics
LING 3460	Historical Linguistics
LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics
or LING 4970	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1
or LING 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2
or LING 4991	Directed Study Research
LING 4993	Independent Study
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic
PSYC 3464	Psychology of Language
PSYC 4610	Laboratory in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4658	Seminar in Psycholinguistics

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
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 3414	Great Speakers and Speeches	
COMM 3415	Communication Criticism	
COMM 3445	Public Relations Principles	
COMM 3501	Free Speech: Law and Practice	
COMM 3530	Communication and Sexualities	
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation	
COMM 3610		
COMM 4535	Nonverbal Social Interaction	

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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
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Sociolinguistics

LING 3442	Sociolinguistics	4
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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

LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics
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

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
LING 1000	1 LING 2350	4 COMM Studies Elective	4 Elective	4
LING 1150	4 LING 3412	4 Elective	4 Elective	4
COMM 1101	4 COMM Studies Foundation Course	4		
COMM 1112	4 Elective	4		
ENGW 1111	4			
	17	16	8	8

Year 2

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours Summer 1	Hours Summer 2	Hours
Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4 Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4 COMM Studies Elective	4 COOP	
COMM 2301	4 LING 3442 (Or Linguistics Elective)	4 Elective	4	
COMM Studies Cluster Course	4 COMM Studies Elective	4		
Foreign Language Course	4 Foreign Language Course	4		
EEAM 2000 or EESC 2000	1			
	17	16	8	0

Year 3

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours Summer 1	Hours Summer 2	Hours
COOP	Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4 COMM Studies Writing Intensive	4 COOP	
	LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)	4 Elective	4	
	ENGW 3315	4		
	Foreign Language Course	4		
	0	16	8	0

Year 4

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
COOP	Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4
	COMM 3415 or 4602	4
	COMM Studies Writing Intensive	4
	Integrative Capstone Experience	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
LING 1000	1 LING 2350	4 Vacation	0 Vacation	0
LING 1150	4 LING 3412	4		

COMM 1101	4	COMM Studies Foundation Course	4		
COMM 1112	4	Elective	4		
ENGW 1111	4				
	17		16	0	0

Year 2

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours Summer 1	Hours Summer 2	Hours			
Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4	Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4	Vacation	0	COOP	0
COMM 2301	4	COMM Studies Elective	4				
COMM Studies Cluster Course	4	Foreign Language Course	4				
Foreign Language Course	4	COMM Studies Elective	4				
		EEAM 2000 or EESC 2000	1				
	16		17	0			0

Year 3

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours Summer 1	Hours Summer 2	Hours			
COOP	0	Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4	COMM Studies Elective	4	COOP	0
		LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)	4	Elective	4		
		ENGW 3315	4				
		Foreign Language Course	4				
	0		16	8			0

Year 4

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours Summer 1	Hours Summer 2	Hours			
COOP	0	Linguistic Structure or Linguistics Elective	4	Elective	4	COOP	0
		LING 3442 (or Linguistics Elective)	4	Elective	4		
		COMM Studies Writing Intensive	4				
		Elective	4				
	0		16	8			0

Year 5

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours	
COOP	0	COMM 3415 or 4602	4
		Integrative Capstone Experience	4
		COMM Studies Elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 130