Departmental Requirements

Majors must have a C or better in all major courses. At least one half of the hours completed in the major must be completed at Old Dominion University. Student must complete at least one writing intensive course in the major, chosen from COMM 315W, 335W, 400W, 412W, 447W, or 471W.

Communication Core (B.A. 9 hours; B.S. 15 hours)

COMM 200S Intro Human Comm 3
COMM 260 Understanding Media 3

In addition, BA Only:
COMM 301 Critical Methodologies or
COMM 335W Rhetorical Criticism or
COMM 445 Communication Analysis and Criticism 3

In addition, B.S. Only:
COMM 302 Communication Research Methods I 3

Six hours of approved 300-400 level approved social science courses 6

ADDITIONAL COMM HOURS: 30 hours total for B.A. and 30 hours total for B.S., 24 of which must be at the 300-400 level selected from the following emphasis areas.

Emphasis Areas (24 hours minimum)

Eight of the ten courses required for the degree must be in an emphasis area. Students may apply two 100/200 level courses to those 30 hours and can take two electives from any emphasis area.

Lifespan Communication: Relationships and Groups
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

Foundations (select two of the following)
COMM 314, 326 or 412W

Applied Theories (select six of the following)
COMM 315W, 323, 351, 355, 368, 401, 421, 423, 425, 426, 427 or 456

18 credits

Intercultural/International Communication
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

Foundations (select two of the following)
COMM 300, 306, 314, 337, 400W, 405, 407 or 434

Applied Theories (select six of the following)
COMM 307, 340, 366, 368, 382, 443, 444 or FLET 445, 447W, 448, 471W, 472, 473 or 481

18 credits

Media Studies
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

Foundations (select two of the following)

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)**
COMM 368, 441, 443, 444 or FLET 445, 448, 455, 465, 467, 468, 471W, 472, 473, 478, 481, 482 or 485 18 credits

**Film Studies**
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

**Foundations (select two of the following)**
COMM 346, 370, 471W or 479W 6 credits

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)**
COMM 330, 368, 371, 380, 443, 444, 480, 481, 482, 483 or 485 18 credits

**Public Relations, Advocacy, and Persuasion**
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

**Foundations (select two of the following)**
COMM 303, 304, 308, 314, 323, 326, 333, 335W, 351, 355, 364, 365, 366 or 382 6 credits

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)**
COMM 368, 400W, 403, 412W, 421, 426, 447W, 448, 455, 456, 465, 467, 468, 472, 473 or 478 18 credits

**General Communication**
24 hours of 300-400 level COMM courses from any combination of courses from the different emphasis areas, plus three additional hours from emphasis or elective hours in COMM for B.S. students and six additional hours from emphasis or elective hours in COMM for B.A. students.

**Communication Electives (students may choose two courses (6 hours) from options below to apply to their chosen emphasis area.)**
COMM 103R  Voice and Diction  3
COMM 112R  Intro to Interpersonal Communication  3
COMM 302  Research Methods I  3
COMM 368  Internship  3
COMM 369  Research Practicum  3
COMM 401  Communication Theory  3
COMM 469  Communication Education Practicum  3

Please note that COMM 305 will not count in any of the emphasis areas in the B.A. or B.S. in communication. This course is a requirement in the professional communication concentration and is only for students in that concentration.

**Internships, Practica, and Special Topics Classes**
Students may apply only three credit hours of COMM 368 Internship toward the major in communication. In addition, students may apply only six credits total from the following classes toward the major: COMM 368 Internship, COMM 369 Research Practicum, and COMM 469 Communication Education Practicum. Special Topics in Communication courses (COMM 395, 396, 495, 496) and Communication Tutorials courses (COMM 497) may be included in a given emphasis when and where appropriate.

**UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION**

**Option A.** Approved Disciplinary Minor (a minimum of 12 hours determined by the department), or second degree or second major

**Option B.** Interdisciplinary Minor (specifically 12 hours, 3 of which may be in the major)

**Option C.** International Business and Regional Courses or an approved Certification Program such as teaching licensure

**Option D.** Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from another Component from the College of Arts and Letters (Arts and Humanities or Social Science) that are not required by the major (6 hours). AAST courses and any elective course listed in the major cannot be used to meet this option.

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.