



**ADVISING WORKSHEET**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION ARTS**  
**MEDIA STUDIES OPTION**  
**General Bulletin 2020-2021**

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**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES**

General Education Category	Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
<b>Category I: Global Academic Skills</b> (9 credits) A. Mathematics (3 credits)  B. English (3 credits)  C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)					
<b>Category II: Natural Sciences</b> (7 credits) 2 lectures (6 credits) & 1 lab (1 credit) (1 life science & 1 physical science & 1 lab)					
<b>Category III: Social Sciences and History</b> (6 credits) A. Social Science (3 credits)  B. History (3 credits)					
<b>Category IV: Cultural Diversity</b> (3 credits)					
<b>Category V: Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (6 credits) A. Fine Arts (3 credits)  B. Humanities (3 credits)					

A minimum grade of "C-" required in all General Education courses.

*Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of "C" in General Education courses.*

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## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS 9 credits

*Students are required to take one course from each subcategory*

#### Subcategory A - Mathematics 3 credits

M	105	Contemporary Mathematics	3
M	114	Extended Technical Mathematics	3
M	121	College Algebra	3
M	122	College Trigonometry	3
M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
M	140	College Math for Healthcare	3
M	143	Finite Mathematics	4
M	161	Survey of Calculus	3
M	171	Calculus I	4
STAT	141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts	3
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4

#### Subcategory B - English 3 credits

WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
WRIT	121	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
WRIT	122	Introduction to Business Writing	3
WRIT	201	College Writing II	3
WRIT	220	Business & Professional Writing	3
WRIT	221	Intermediate Technical Writing	3

#### Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy 3 credits

BMIS	150	Cyber Security and Electronic Communication	3
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMX	115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
LSCI	125	Research in the Information Age	3

### CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES 6 cr. lecture & 1 cr. lab

*Students are required to take one course from each subcategory and at least one corresponding lab or Integrated Sciences*

#### Subcategory A – Life Sciences 3-4 credits

BIOB	101	Discover Biology	3
BIOB	102	Discover Biology Lab	1
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health	3
BIOB	122	Fund of Biology: Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity	3
BIOB	123	Fund of Biology: The Nature of Nutrition	3
BIOB	160	Principles of Living Systems	3
BIOB	161	Principles of Living Systems Lab	1

ASTR	110	Introduction to Astronomy	3
ASTR	111	Introduction to Astronomy Lab	1
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
CHMY	141	College Chemistry I	3
CHMY	142	College Chemistry Laboratory I	1
GEO	101	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
GEO	102	Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory	1
GPHY	262	Spatial Sciences Technology & Applications	3
GPHY	263	Spatial Sciences & Technology Lab	1
PHSX	103	Our Physical World	3
PHSX	104	Our Physical World Lab	1
PHSX	205	College Physics I	3
PHSX	206	College Physics I Lab	1

#### Integrated Sciences

SCIN	101, 102, 103, 104	Integrated Sciences	3, 1, 3, 1
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### CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY 6 CREDITS

*Students are required to take one course from each subcategory*

#### Subcategory A – Social Sciences 3 credits

ANTY	217	Physical Anthropology & Archeology	3
BGEN	105	Introduction to Business	3
COMX	106	Communicating in a Dynamic Workplace	3
ECNS	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECNS	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EDU	105	Education and Democracy	3
GPHY	141	Geography of World Regions	3
HTH	110	Personal Health and Wellness	3
PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI	101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI	201	Social Problems	3

#### Subcategory B - History 3 credits

HSTA	101	American History I	3
HSTA	102	American History II	3
HSTR	101	Western Civilization I	3
HSTR	102	Western Civilization II	3
HSTR	103	Honors Western Civilization I	3
HSTR	104	Honors Western Civilization II	3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations	3

### CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 credits

ANTY	220	Culture and Society	3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture	3
COMX	212	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues	3
LIT	230	World Literature	3
MUSI	207	World Music	3
NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
PHL	271	Indian Philosophies and Religions	3
PHL	272	Chinese Philosophies and Religions	3
REHA	201	Introduction to Diversity in Counseling	3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest	3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition	3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society	3

### CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES 6 credits

*Students are required to take one course from each subcategory*

#### Subcategory A – Fine Arts 3 credits

ARTZ	101	Art Fundamentals	3
ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-majors	3
CRWR	240	Intro Creative Writing Workshop	3
FILM	160	Introduction to World Cinema	3
LIT	270	Film & Literature	3
MART	260	Computer Presentation and Animation	3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic	1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB	1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus	1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography	3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theatre	3
THTR	120	Introduction to Acting I	3

#### Subcategory B - Humanities 3 credits

ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding	3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
PHL	254	People and Politics	3

Course			Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
<b>Media Studies Core Requirements</b>						
COMX	200	Exploring Communication Studies	3			
COMX	211	Advanced Public Speaking	3			
COMX	330	Principles of Media Studies	3			
COMX	331	Theories of Media and Society	3			
COMX	341	History and Theory of Persuasion	3			
COMX	351	Principles of Public Relations	3			
COMX	400	Communication Theory	3			
COMX	499	Capstone	3			
JRNL	270	Reporting	3			

**Critical Media & Society Courses (Choose 4 courses from the following with advisor's approval):**

COMX	340	Visual Rhetoric	3			
COMX	431	Communicating Online	3			
COMX	434	Political Communication	3			
COMX	435	Media Criticism	3			
COMX	436	Popular Culture and Cultural Studies	3			
COMX	438	Multicultural Mass Communication	3			

**Media Studies Supplemental Courses (Choose 3 courses from the following with advisor's approval):**

COMX	210	Communication in Small Groups	3			
COMX	320	Principles of Organizational Communication	3			
COMX	401	Communication Law and Ethics	3			
COMX	426	Leadership and Communication	3			
COMX	431, 434, 435, 436, or 438 <b>if not taken above</b>		3			
COMX	452	Issues in Public Relations	3			
COMX	456	Case Studies in Public Relations	3			
COMX	480	Health Communication	3			
COMX	481	Media for Social Change	3			
COMX	491	Special Topics	3			
COMX	494/498	Internship or Seminar/Workshop	3			

Note: Substitutions between Options can be made with advisor or consent. Students must earn a grade of "C" or above in courses used to satisfy major or minor requirements in the Communication and Theatre Department. The Department of Communication and Theatre offers a BA in Communication Arts online. Check the university website for details at [www.msubillings.edu](http://www.msubillings.edu).

**Language Requirement:**

- 1) Complete the standard language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts for a total of 14 credits.
- 2) Complete the 101-102 active skills sequence in one foreign language plus 6 cr. of cultural studies courses selected from List One (below) for a total of 14 credits.
- 3) Complete 101-102 active skills sequence in one foreign language and 6 cr. in statistical and research method selected from List Two (below) for a total of 14 credits.
- 4) Complete 9 cr. selected from List One (below) along with 6 cr. selected from List Two (below), for a total of 15 credits.

**List One**

\*SPNS 150 The Hispanic Tradition  
 \*ANTY 220 Culture and Society  
 \*PHL 271 Indian Philosophies and Religions  
 \*PHL 272 Chinese Philosophies and Religions  
 RLST 303 Greek and Roman Mythology  
 HSTR 330 History of Mexico  
 NASX Select from offerings  
 Other Cultural Studies in consultation with Advisor.

**List Two**

SOCI 318 Sociological Research Methods  
 \*STAT 141 Introduction to Statistical Concepts  
 \*STAT 216 Introduction to Statistics  
 STAT 341 Introduction to Probability & Statistics  
 Other Statistical and Methods courses in consultation with Advisor.

\*May satisfy General Education Requirements


**Restricted Electives:** Select two courses with advisor approval for a total of 6 credits.


**Electives** - The total number of elective credits required for the degree will be determined by the number of courses a student elects to take which fulfill both the General Education requirements and the major requirements. Electives should be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor.


**BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION ARTS – MASS COMMUNICATION OPTION**

Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education Requirements	31	_____	_____
Communication Arts Requirements	48	_____	_____
Language Requirement	14-15	_____	_____
Restricted Electives	6	_____	_____
Electives (may vary)	V	_____	_____
Total	120	_____	_____

**It is the student’s responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation. A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).**