# 2015-2016 Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
## Option in Communication, Culture, and Public Affairs
### 48 Units

This checklist is not intended to replace advising from the department. Consult with the department advisor for appropriate course sequencing. Use this checklist in combination with the Academic Requirements Report, which is the official graduation verification.

To declare the major, complete the following Major Specific Declaration Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:
- Minimum 2.5 overall GPA
- Minimum 2.5 GPA in the following suite of major courses: COMM 110, COMM 130, COMM 131
- Completion of GE Foundations

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<td>Complete ALL of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (9 units total):</td>
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<td>COMM 110: Interpersonal Communication (3)</td>
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<td>GE: Oral Communication (A2)</td>
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<td>COMM 130: Essentials of Public Speaking (3)</td>
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<td>COMM 131: Essentials of Argumentation (3)</td>
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<td>GE: Critical Thinking (A3)</td>
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| Complete the following course (3 units total): |
| COMM 200: Gateway to Communication Studies (3) | |

| Complete ALL of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (15 units total): |
| COMM 300: Survey of Rhetorical Theory (3) | GE Foundations |
| GE: Humanities (C2) | |
| COMM 301: Communication Criticism (3) | COMM 300 |
| COMM 306: Communication Theory (3) | |
| COMM 307: Measurement in Communication Research (3) | COMM 306 and GE Math |
| COMM 330: Intercultural Communication (3) | |

Complete **21 UNITS** with grades of “C” or better. Complete at least **9 UNITS** of 400-level courses (21 units total):
- COMM 309: Language and Behavior (3)
- COMM 331: Argumentation and Debate (3) - GE Foundations
- COMM 333: Performing Culture (3) - Upper Division Standing
- GE: Human Diversity; Capstone (F)
- COMM 335: Persuasive Speaking (3) - GE Foundations
- GE: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E)
- COMM 336: Forensic Activity (1 - 3)
- COMM 338: Ensemble Performance (3)
- COMM 352: Story Telling (3)
- COMM 412: Gender and Communication (3) - Upper Division Standing
- GE: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E)
- COMM 415: Rhetoric of Social Movements and Protest (3)
- COMM 422: Media Effects (3) - Upper Division Standing
- COMM 430: Advanced Concepts in Intercultural Communication (3) - COMM 330 or Consent of Instructor
- COMM 433: Trends in Performance Studies (3)
- COMM 434: Advanced Oral Presentation Skills (3) - Upper Division Standing
- COMM 436: American Public Address (3)
- COMM 437: International Public Address (3)
- COMM 439: Communication and Popular Culture (3)

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<td>Issues in Freedom of Communication (3)</td>
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<td>COMM 442</td>
<td>Campaign Persuasion (3)</td>
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<td>COMM 449</td>
<td>Studies in Oral Persuasion and Attitude Change (3)</td>
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<td>COMM 490</td>
<td>Selected Topics in Communication Studies (3)</td>
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See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.

### GPA Requirements
- Minimum 2.0 for ALL of the following:
  - Overall GPA
  - CSULB GPA
  - Cumulative Major/Minor GPA

### Unit Requirements
- 120 Overall units
- 40 Upper Division units
- 30 CSULB units
- 24 Upper Division CSULB units

### Class Unit Levels
- 0-29 units = Freshmen
- 30-59 units = Sophomore
- 60-89 units = Junior/Upper Division Standing
- 90+ units = Senior

#### Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)
- Attempt the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) before 50 units. Transfer students must take the WPE during their first semester.

### Additional Information
- 13 units from the major department can double count with GE requirements. Courses in bold indicate GE requirements.
- Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/ge.
- Students must take COMM 200 in their first year of declaring the major.
- Majors will not be permitted to take any upper division classes in the major for Credit/No Credit.
- Completion of COMM 331 or 335 are recommended prior to taking COMM 441 and 442.

### Department of Communication Studies
- Location: AS-309
- Phone Number: (562) 985-4301

### ATLAS Network/College of Liberal Arts Advising Center
- Location: PH1-104
- Phone Number: (562) 985-7804

### File by 90!
- File to graduate before your last semester.
- See the Enrollment Services website for deadlines: csulb.edu/enrollment.

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