

What can you do with a Communication Studies major from SPU?

The Communication Studies major at Seattle Pacific University offers you training, experience, and inspiration in the art of communicating well, as you explore values, and acquire techniques of insight and critical reasoning. The major prepares you for just about any career — from ministry to law, from media operations to event planning.

Potential occupations include:

- Arbitrator
- Campaign Manager
- Corporate Communications Specialist
- Event Planner
- Public Relations Specialist
- Recruiter
- Speechwriter
- Strategic Planner
- Training Specialist

Majors with similar requirements in the first two years

Film Studies, Journalism

Suggested transfer preparation at Highline College

Associate of Arts (AA-DTA)

Courses in the major you may complete at Highline College

Highline College Courses	Equivalent SPU Courses
CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication (5)	COM 1101 Intro to Interpersonal Communication (5)
CMST& 220 Public Speaking (5)	COM 1321 Public Speaking (5)
CMST& 102 Introduction to Mass Media (5)	JRN 2255 The Public and the Media (5)
<i>Consider taking the following elective course:</i> JRNL 101 Journalistic Writing (5) – or – JRNL 201 / 202 / 203 Advanced Newswriting (5) – or – JRNL 115 Writing for the Media (5)	JRN 2101 Media Writing (5)

Note: Only courses with a regular grade of 1.7 (C-) or higher may count toward a major or minor.

Admission to the major

If you identify the Communication Studies major as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you will automatically gain entry to the major when admitted to SPU.

Learn more about the Communication Studies major at:

- <http://spu.edu/communication>
- <http://spu.edu/communication-reqs>

Get more information about transfer admission to Seattle Pacific University at <http://spu.edu/transfer>.

Questions? Contact transfer@spu.edu.

Courses to complete at SPU

JRN 1000 Fundamentals Digital & Online Media (5)
FLM 2001 HW Studio System: Film Hist I (5) – or – FLM 2002 Movies in the 60s: Film Hist II (5)
COM 2323 Argumentation and Analysis (5)
COM 3001 Theories of Communication (5)
COM 3630 Rhetoric in Public Life (5)
COM 4265 Organization Communication (5)
COM 4606 Seminar: Communication & Technology (5)
COM 4899 Communication Ethics Capstone (5)
Electives (to total 10 credits) *

* From approved list – consult with your advisor.

Other requirements for the degree

In addition to the major, the degree requires completion of any remaining general education and University requirements, and at least 180 college-level credits total, including 60 upper-division (UD) credits.

All students must complete the University Foundations Requirement at SPU – even those who have completed the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Associate Degree.

Students admitted with fewer than 90 credits (freshmen and sophomores) complete 15 credits:

- UFDN 1000 The Christian Faith (5)
- UFDN 2000 Christian Scriptures (5)
- UFDN 3100 Christian Theology (5)

Students admitted with 90 credits or more (juniors and seniors) complete 10 credits:

- UFDN 3001 Christian Scriptures (5)
- UFDN 3100 Christian Theology (5)

Suggested course plan for your junior and senior years at SPU

Assumes junior standing at entrance, and successful completion of CMST& 102, 210 and 220 prior to transfer.

Junior Year			
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JRN 1000 (5) -- or take this in the spring. • COM 2323 (5) – or take this in winter. • COM 3001 (5) • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLM 2001 (5) -- or take FLM 2002 (5) in the spring. • COM 2323 (5) -- if you did not take this in autumn. • COM 3630 (5) • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JRN 1000 (5) -- if you did not take this in autumn. • FLM 2002 (5) -- if you did not take FLM 2001 (5) in winter. • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to complete your general education requirements – do not forget about “W” credits! • Be sure to take enough upper-division electives to reach at least 30-UD credits within the major.
Any Quarter Offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electives (to total 10 credits, including elective courses taken prior to transfer). • UFDN, general education, and University requirements. 			
Senior Year			
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM 4625 (5) • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM 4606 (5) • COM 4899 (5) -- or take this in the spring. • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM 4899 (5) -- if you did not take this in winter. • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure you will have completed 180 college-level credits (with at least 60 being upper division, numbered 3000 – 4999) by the end of spring term.
Any Quarter Offered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining electives, UFDN, general education, and University requirements. 			