# Communication - Health and Science Communication Four Year Academic Plan

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<td>ENGL 101 (AW)* (Min. Grade: C-)</td>
<td>Natural Sciences (NS)**</td>
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<td>COMM 250</td>
<td>Math (MA)*</td>
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<td>Statistics requirement</td>
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**Benchmark 2 Requirements**

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<th>Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**</th>
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<td>COMM 305, 306, or 307</td>
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<th>Professional Writing (PW)</th>
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**Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level**

Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.**
### General Education Requirements

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<th>Fundamental Studies</th>
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<td>Oral Comm. (OC)</td>
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### Distributive Studies

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#### I-Series

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#### Diversity

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#### Experiential Learning- optional

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### Major Requirements - Health and Science Communication

**Cumulative average of major requirements must be at least a 2.0**

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#### Two Communication Theory and Principles Courses:

| COMM 302 |
| COMM 201, 301, or 303 |

#### Two Research Methods Courses:

| COMM 304 |
| COMM 305, 306, or 307 |

#### One Leadership and Social Change Course:

| COMM 330, 385, 420, 421, 422, 424, 425, 428, 436, 448, 449, 453, 455, 459, 461, 462, 469, 470, or 475 |

#### One Diversity and Inclusion Course:

| COMM 324, 360, 382, 398B, 454, or 460 |

### University Requirements for Graduation:

- At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD
- 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level
- 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD

### ARHU Requirements for Graduation:

- 45 upper level credits
- ARHU158 or equivalent (if applicable)
- Global Engagement

*Specialization electives include COMM 398E, COMM 498Z, COMM 419, COMM 422, COMM 424, 426, 427, 435, 459.

Some courses for the major may also count toward General Education requirements.