COMMUNICATION BA
Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

CONTACT INFORMATION
- Honors College Advisor: See the Honors College Website (https://honorscollege.gmu.edu/academics/academic-advising)
- See your Faculty Advisor for advising as soon as possible. Appointments are made online at https://communication.acuitiescheduling.com.

You can view your major requirements in the University Catalog here: catalog.gmu.edu

REQUIRED HOURS
- Major requirements include: 12 hours of required courses, 21 credits of concentration courses and 6 credits of communication electives, with at least 12 credits at the 300/400 level in the concentration/electives. Beginning in the 2017 catalog year, students may choose to complete two concentrations. Please discuss this option with your Communication academic advisor.
- Hours Required in Honors: see honors advisor
- Total Required Hours: 120, 45 of which must be at the 300-level and above.

ADVISING SHEET
- Honors College Requirement
- Department Requirement
- College Requirement

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<th>1st Year – 1st Semester (Fall)</th>
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<td>o HNRS 110: Principles of Research and Inquiry (Grade of C or better required)</td>
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<td>o Quantitative Reasoning Course: MATH 108, 110, 111, 113, 115, 124, 125, SOCI 313, STAT 250, HNRS 125 or 225.</td>
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<td>◆ Optional COMM 145, 148, or 157</td>
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<td>o HNRS 130: Identity, Community, and Difference</td>
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### 2nd Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

- **HNRS 260: Society and Community Engagement or HNRS 261: Community** 3
- **3-credit Mason Core approved science** 3
- **HNRS 360: Multidisciplinary Topics or HNRS 361: Multidisciplinary Practicum.** 3
- **COMM Concentration (plan with COMM advisor)** 3
- **COMM Core Course 300. You should take COMM 300 before you apply for the Honors in COMM research course (COMM 490). (Two theory courses are required before you can take COMM 400/490)** 3

**Semester Total**: 15

### 3rd Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

- **COMM Core Course 305** 3
- **COMM 400/490 (400/490 should be taken in your JR year as an honors course (COMM 490). Please contact Megan Edmondson (medmond3@gmu.edu) to request a seat. It is a closed course and you cannot add it yourself. You must apply to Honors in COMM in March of the preceding fall semester. Especially for Honors students, you should focus on research as Juniors and/or Seniors. (Two theory courses are required before you can take COMM 400/490)** 3
- **COMM Concentration (plan with COMM advisor)** 6
- **Electives** 3
- **Optional COMM Seminar (COMM 145, 148, 157, 345, or 346). Other highly recommended courses include UNIV 420, 421, or 422.** (1)

**Semester Total**: 15/16

### 3rd Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

- **COMM Concentration (plan with COMM advisor)** 9
- **COMM 491: 2nd part of the Honors in COMM research sequence** 3
- **Optional COMM Seminar (COMM 145, 148, 157, 345, or 346). Other highly recommended courses include UNIV 420, 421, or 422.** (1)
- **Electives** 6

**Semester Total**: 15/16

### 4th Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

**You should apply for COMM 490/491 in the spring of their Junior year to begin in the fall semester of their senior year**

- **COMM Concentration** 3
- **COMM Internship (450) or COMM Elective** **THE INTERNSHIP IS AN ELECTIVE, AND IT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.** 3
- **Electives** 9

**Semester Total**: 15

### 4th Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

**Take COMM 491 as the follow on to COMM 490 from the fall to earn the Honors in COMM designation.**

- **COMM: if you are completing 2 concentrations, you will need to meet with an advisor to ensure you are meeting your requirements. Otherwise, these credits may be used elsewhere.** 3
- **Electives (add 1-3 credits if you have not taken seminar)** 3 +1-3

**Semester Total**: 12 - 15
A grade of C or better is required for all courses applied to your major.

If exempt from Foreign Language requirement, you may take a COMM elective, a general elective, or a course toward a minor.

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Communications offers an Honors Program within the major. Requirements include: COMM 490, which will fulfill the COMM 400 requirement, and COMM 491. These courses must be applied to, students cannot enroll themselves in this program. See your Communication advisor for further information.