



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
Total hours	15-17	

Notes/Comments:

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 203	3	
Knowledge Domain or Elective	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Total hours	15-16	

Notes/Comments:

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
Knowledge Domain	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain or elective	3	
COMS 252	3	
Total hours	15-17	

Notes/Comments: COMS 252 is required for all COMS major. It is recommended that this course is taken at NIU.

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3 or 4	
COMS 302	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	

Notes/Comments:

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 303	3	
COMS 304	3	
COMS Speech Performance	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Notes/Comments: For "Speech Performance," suggested courses include COMS 305, 309, or 361.

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS External Org Comm class	3	
COMS Internal Org Comm class	3	
Elective	3 or 4	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	

Notes/Comments: See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 403, 455, 481 or JOUR 480	3	• Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
COMS 407 Practicum	1	
COMS 300-level or above class	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16	

Notes/Comments: Practicum must be arranged with COMS instructor or professor.

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 400-level or above class	3	
COMS Rhetoric block class	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Notes/Comments: For "Rhetoric" block options, suggested courses include COMS 400, 401 or 419.

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.