

B.S. in Communication

Worldwide Program Requirements

General Education Requirements	36
Core Requirements	36
Specialization	21
Minor	15-22
Electives	5-12
Total Credits	120

Program Details

The Bachelor of Science in Communication requires successful completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours. Students enrolled in the Worldwide Undergraduate Online program may complete the degree in 20 terms, or approximately four years, assuming full-time enrollment and continuous progress. Students pursuing this undergraduate degree must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 for all work completed at the University. The courses required to earn this degree are listed below.

Students must complete one of two program specializations: Aerospace, Science and Technology Communication or Crisis, Risk and Resilience Communication. In addition, students are required to complete an approved minor in consultation with their academic advisor. The selected specialization and minor will help tailor the program to the student's academic interests and career goals while satisfying degree requirements.

Students should be aware that many courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites. Students are responsible for ensuring that all prerequisite and degree requirements are satisfied prior to enrollment in advanced coursework. The suggested plan of study is provided as a guide. A student's actual plan of study may vary based on term of admission, course availability, transfer credit, and other academic considerations. Students should consult with their academic advisor to develop an individualized plan of study.

General Education Requirements

Communication	9
COMM 122 English Composition	
COMM 219 Speech	
Communication (COMM) above COMM 106	
Humanities - Lower Level	3
Social Sciences - Lower Level	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Lower or Upper Level	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Upper Level	3
Computer Science/Information Technology	3
Mathematics	6
Any Mathematics 6-Hour Sequence Above MATH 106	
Physical/Life Sciences	6
Total Credits	36

Core Requirements

COMM 180 Media Literacy	3
COMM 230 Digital Photography	3
or COMM 285 Editing and Multimedia Production	
COMM 250 Introduction to Communication Theory	3
or COMM 260 Introduction to Media	
COMM 265 Introduction to Newswriting and Reporting	3
COMM 270 Communication Research Theory and Methods	3
COMM 320 Mass Communication Law and Ethics	3
COMM 322 Aviation and Aerospace Communication	3
COMM 330 Science and Technology Communication	3

COMM 360 Public Relations	3
COMM 362 Communication and Organizational Culture	3
COMM 364 Visual Design	3
COMM 490 Senior Project	3
or COIN 496 Co-Operative Education	
Total Credits	36

Specializations

Aerospace, Science, and Technology Communication Specialization

Choose Four of the Following:	12
COMM 280 Rhetorical Strategies and Analysis	
COMM 332 Cross-Cultural Communication	
COMM 350 Environmental Communication	
COMM 363 Communication and Society	
COMM 365 Communication for Resilience	
COMM 415 Nonverbal Communication	
COMM 460 Crisis Communication	
COMM 480 Advanced Seminar in Crisis and Risk Communication	
HUMN 143 Introduction to Rhetoric	

Choose Three of the Following:	9
ASCI 202 Introduction to Aeronautical Science	
ASCI 254 Aviation Legislation	
ASCI 257 Flight Physiology	
AVSF 210 Introduction to Aerospace Safety	
AVSF 320 Human Factors in Aviation Safety	
BIOL 120 Foundations of Biology I	
EVSC 142 Introduction to Environmental Science	
CPSC 123 Introduction to Computing for Data Analysis	
CYBR 155 Foundations of Information Security	
HIST 130 History of Aviation in America	
HUMN 335 Technology and Modern Civilization	
PHYS 123 Science of Flight	
PSYC 320 Aviation Psychology	
SPAC 110 Introduction to Space Flight	
SFTY 205 Principles of Accident Investigation	
SFTY 315 Environmental Compliance and Safety	
UNSY 220 Uncrewed Aircraft Systems	
WEAX 201 Introduction to Meteorology	
WEAX 301 Aviation Weather	

Total Credits	21
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Crisis, Risk & Resilience Communication Specialization

COMM 332 Cross-Cultural Communication	3
COMM 365 Communication for Resilience	3
COMM 460 Crisis Communication	3
COMM 480 Advanced Seminar in Crisis and Risk Communication	3
Choose Three of the Following:	9
EMGY 310 Fundamentals of Emergency Management	
EMGY 405 Disaster Policy and Management	
EMGY 430 Emergency Management and Contingency Planning	
ESVS 301 Community Risk Reduction for the Fire and Emergency Services	
ESVS 305 Fire Prevention Organization and Management	

ESVS 402	Fire and Emergency Services Administration
HLSC 110	Introduction to Homeland Security
HLSC 215	Introduction to Industrial Security
HLSC 280	Professional Skills in Homeland Security
HLSC 315	Critical Infrastructure Security, Resilience, and Risk Analysis
HLSC 360	Strategic Planning and Decision Making in Homeland Security
HLSC 410	Exercise Design and Evaluation in Homeland Security

Minor

Minor	15-22
Total Credits	15-22

Electives

Open Electives *	5-12
Total Credits	5-12

* Open Elective credits are dependent on choice of minor

Suggested Plans of Study
Specialization: Aviation, Science & Technology
Communication

Year One

Requirements	Credits
COMM 122 - English Composition	3
MATH Sequence above MATH 106	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 219 - Speech	3
MATH Sequence above MATH 106	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 180 - Media Literacy	3
Computer Science/Information Technology	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
Communication (COMM 222 Recommended)	3
Physical/Life Sciences	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
Humanities - Lower Level	3
Physical/Life Sciences	3
Semester Hours	6

Total Credits

Total Hours for All Requirements: 30

Year Two

Requirements	Credits
COMM 265 - Introduction to Newswriting and Reporting	3

Social Sciences - Lower Level	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 230 - Digital Photography	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Lower or Upper Level	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 270 - Communication Research Theory and Methods	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
Humanities/Social Sciences - Upper Level	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 260 - Introduction to Media	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

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Total Hours for All Requirements: 30

Year Three

Requirements	Credits
COMM 362 - Communication and Organizational Culture	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 360 - Public Relations	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 320 - Mass Communication Law and Ethics	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 322 - Aviation and Aerospace Communication	3
COMM 364 - Visual Design	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
COMM 330 - Science and Technology Communication	3

Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
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Semester Hours	6
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Year Four

Requirements	Credits
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

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Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

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Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

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Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6

Requirements	Credits
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
COMM 490 - Senior Project or COIN 496 - Co-Operative Education	3
Semester Hours	6

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Specialization: Crisis, Risk & Resilience Communication

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Semester Hours	6

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Year Four

Requirements	Credits
COMM 322 - Aviation and Aerospace Communication	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6
Requirements	Credits
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6
Requirements	Credits
COMM 460 - Crisis Communication	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6
Requirements	Credits
COMM 365 - Communication for Resilience	3
Program Specialization/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Semester Hours	6
Requirements	Credits
COMM 480 - Advanced Seminar in Crisis and Risk Communication	3

COMM 490 - Senior Project or COIN 496 - Co-Operative Education	3
Semester Hours	6

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Total Hours for All Requirements: 30

Estimated Cost of Attendance

Estimated Cost of Attendance: California Student Information (<https://catalog.erau.edu/student-life/student-affairs/california-student/>)