

# B.S. in Communication

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## COMD to MSHSR 4+1 Program: Accelerated Pathway

By combining the Bachelor of Science in Communication (COMD) with the Master of Science in Human Security and Resilience (MSHR), students gain a unique advantage, equipping them with advanced communication skills and interdisciplinary expertise to effectively address pressing global challenges.

Students accepted into the 4+1 program, spend three academic years in undergraduate-level study of Communication. Students pursuing the 4+1 must select the COMD Program Specialization in Crisis, Risk & Resilience Communication. At the beginning of the senior year (having earned at least 75 credit hours with a 3.0 CGPA), students will take 9 credit hours of MHSR coursework.

Upon completion of Bachelor of Science in Communication (COMD) requirements, students will be enrolled in graduate school and can complete their Master of Science in Human Security and Resilience (MSHR) degree in one year. Instead of COMD Open Electives, students will take MHSR 500 Introduction to Human Security and 2 courses from the following options: MHSR 515 International Law and US Security Policy, MHSR 520 Principles of International Conflict Resolution, MHSR 530 Environmental Security, or MHSR 540 Foundations of Resilience.

In any graduate course taken by an undergraduate student, a grade of B or better must be earned. If a grade of C or F is earned in the MSHSR graduate courses taken for COMD credit, the student will be removed from the 4+1 program, have credit awarded to the COMD degree only, and may continue to complete the COMD degree.

Students initiate program acceptance through their Academic Advisor or Campus Advisor to ensure program criteria are met. Student Advisors will complete the request for processing into the 4+1 program.