Communication Studies Major Program Checklist: Advocacy

Effective August 2023 (23/24 Undergraduate Catalog) To count toward the major, all SCOM courses must be passed with a C- or better.

I. Core: 12 Credit Hours

The following five courses must be completed by all majors, no substitutions.

III. Advanced Research Methods: 3 Credit Hours

SCOM Research Choose 1 of the following: Prerequisite: SCOM 280

- □ SCOM 240 (Intro to Comm Theory) SCOM 381 Rhetorical Research Methods □ SCOM 240L (Comm Theory Lab) SCOM 383 Quantitative Experimental Research Methods □ SCOM 242 (Presentational Speaking) SCOM 385 Qualitative Research Methods □ SCOM 280 (Intro to Comm Research) SCOM 386 Survey Research Methods □ SCOM 341 (Persuasion) SCOM 388 Campaign Research Methods II. Communication Studies Electives -6 Credit Hours □ SCOM 200/300/400
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I, II. and III. Required of all SCOM concentrations

IV. Advocacy Studies Concentration: 18 Credit Hours

Advocacy Studies Concentration Core:	Advocacy Studies Concentration Electives: (Choose two)
Required Courses: 12 Credit Hours	6 Credit Hours
 SCOM 342 (Argument and Advocacy) SCOM 352 (Comm and Social Movements) SCOM 353 (American Political Culture and Comm) SCOM 442 (Advanced Topics in Advocacy Studies) 	 SCOM 301 / WGSS 301 (Feminist Blogging: Shout Out!) SCOM 302 / WGSS 302 (Third Wave Ecofeminism) SCOM 331 (Comm and Conflict) SCOM 343 / WRTC 430 (Contemporary Rhetorical Theory & Practice) SCOM 346 (Free Speech in America) SCOM 347 (Comm, Diversity, and Popular Culture) SCOM 354/WRTC 326 (Environmental Comm and Advocacy) SCOM/SMAD 357 (Youth, Communication and Culture) SCOM/WGSS/WRTC 420 (Feminist Rhetorics) SCOM 431 (Legal Comm) SCOM 453 (Political Campaign Comm) SCOM 470 (Health Comm Campaigns) SCOM/SMAD/POSC 472 (Media and Politics)

V. Minor/Second Major/Cognate: 12–18 credits

Complete a minor program of study, a second major, or 12 hours outside of SCOM at 300/400 level. □ Minor or □ 2nd major or □ 12 hours of electives

VI. General Education: 41 credits

Cluster 1
Cluster 2
Cluster 3
Cluster 4
Cluster 5

VII. BA/BS Degree Requirements: 3–17 credits

The Philosophy and Natural/Social Science courses may not double count with General Education credit. BA:
Language 232
Philosophy BS:
Math 220/COB 191
Natural/Social Science

VIII. Total credit hours required to graduate is 120 hours

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