Program requirements for Juniors and Seniors graduating in academic years 2014/15 or 2015/16

COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR
TOTAL UNITS = 44

Students are required to complete 6 core classes (24 units)

COMS 200: Principles of Mass Communication
COMS 202: Methods of Media Criticism
COMS 301: Mass Communication Theory and Research
COMS 302: Media Ethics
COMS 315: Media Law \textbf{Requirement Waived}\textsuperscript{**}
COMS 402: Senior Seminar
COMS 499: Senior Internship

Students are required to take one 2-course sequence (8 units)

COMS 201: Story Telling Via Video
COMS 316: Advanced Video Production \textit{Take SSU TV}\textsuperscript{***}

COMS 210: Writing for Media
COMS 318: Advanced Media Writing \textit{Take STAR Newspaper}\textsuperscript{***}

COMS 265: Introduction to Radio Broadcasting
COMS 317: Advanced Broadcasting Techniques \textit{Take KSUN Radio}\textsuperscript{***}

COMS 240: Beginning Public Relations
COMS 340: Advanced Public Relations \textit{Take Primitivo PR}\textsuperscript{***}

Students are required to complete 12 units of electives from this list

Students will be required to complete 12 units of elective coursework (4 units per course), much of it focused on more specialized media forms. Whenever possible, students should choose electives to support their career objectives. Electives listed here may not be offered every semester, and Arts & Humanities elective courses not on this list must be approved by a COMS Advisor prior to enrollment. The COMS Elective courses include:

\textbf{COMS 320:} Selected Topics in COMS: International Film, Recording Industry, Media in the Movies, etc.
\textbf{COMS 321:} International Communication
\textbf{COMS 327:} Media and Children
\textbf{COMS 329:} “Reality” TV and Film
\textbf{COMS 332:} Screening Violence
\textbf{COMS 333:} Communication, Power, and Social Change
\textbf{COMS 340:} The PR Firm (after 8 units of required outlet coursework, another outlet can be taken with instructor consent as a COMS elective; further coursework only for university elective credit)
\textbf{COMS 368:} Newspaper Writing and Editing/STAR (after 8 units of required outlet coursework, another outlet can be taken with instructor consent as a COMS elective; further coursework only for university elective credit)
\textbf{COMS 369:} SSUTV (after 8 units of required outlet coursework, another outlet can be taken with instructor consent as a COMS elective; further coursework only for university elective credit)
\textbf{COMS 385:} Radio/KSUN (after 8 units of required outlet coursework, another outlet can be taken with instructor consent as a COMS elective; further coursework only for university elective credit)
\textbf{COMS 460:} Teaching Assistant in COMS, 1-4 units
\textbf{COMS 470:} Research Assistant in COMS, 1-4 units
\textbf{COMS 495:} Special Studies in COMS, 1-4 units
\textbf{COMS 499:} Media Internship, 1-4 units (can be repeated once as COMS elective; Seniors only except summers and intersessions)

Majors may take one Elective outside the department from an approved list:

\textbf{**} Will need a Major/Minor course substitution form.
\textbf{***}May be repeated for up to 12 units of credit