

The University of South Dakota
Major Credit Hour count: 33
Major: Communication Studies, B.S.



[2020-2021 Academic Catalog]

Year / Semester

First Year - 1st Semester

SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech
ENGL 101 Composition I
Mathematics
Fine Arts
Social Science
First Year Experience

SGR/Major
Requirement Cr Hrs

SGR 2 3
SGR 1 3
SGR 5 3
SGR 4 3
SGR 3 3
1

Semester Credit Hours: 16

Second Year - 1st Semester

SPCM 203 Communication Symbols & Society
Additional Social Science or Humanities
Natural Science
Mathematics/Statistics
Advanced Composition

Major 3
BS 3
SGR 6 4
BS 3
SGR 1 3

Semester Credit Hours: 16

Third Year - 1st Semester

SPCM 405 Theories of Communication
SPCM Elective*
Minor
Additional Natural Science
Electives

Major 3
Major 3
BS 3
BS 3
3

Semester Credit Hours: 15

Fourth Year - 1st Semester

SPCM Elective**
SPCM Elective**
Minor
Electives

Major 3
Major 3
BS 3
5

Semester Credit Hours: 14

Year / Semester

First Year - 2nd Semester

SPCM 201 Interpersonal Communication
ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature
Mathematics
Humanities
Social Science

SGR/Major
Requirement Cr Hrs

Major 3
BS 3
BS 4
SGR 4 3
SGR 3 3
0

Semester Credit Hours: 16

Second Year - 2nd Semester

SPCM 305 Communication Research
SPCM Elective
Natural Science
Minor
Additional Social Science or Humanities

Major 3
Major 3
SGR 6 4
BS 3
BS 3

Semester Credit Hours: 16

Third Year - 2nd Semester

SPCM Elective*
SPCM Elective**
Additional Natural Science
Minor
Electives

Major 3
Major 3
BS 3
BS 3
3

Semester Credit Hours: 15

Fourth Year - 2nd Semester

SPCM 425 Philosophy of Communication
Minor
Electives

Major 3
BS 6
3

Semester Credit Hours: 12

Total Major Requirements 120

Notes: *Two SPCM electives must be from the following list: SPCM 410, 418, 422, 440, 460, 470.

**9 hours of additional SPCM electives must be 300-level or above.

A maximum of 6 hours total of SPCM 376, 491 and 494 can be counted toward major.

SPCM 101 may not be counted toward Communication Studies major.