DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES
California State University, Northridge
Department Major Requirements
(Effective Fall 2013)

DEPARTMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 units)
COMS 301 Performance, Language, and Cultural Studies
COMS 321 Rhetorical Discourse
COMS 327 Rhetorical Theory
COMS 351 Communication Theory
COMS 356 Intercultural Communication
AND one of the following methods courses
COMS 430 Rhetorical Criticism
COMS 440 Performance & Cultural Studies Criticism
COMS 450 Communication Research Methodology

DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS (9 units)
Performance and Cultural Studies (Select 3 units—COMS 301 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band)
COMS 303 Narrative in Performance
COMS 304 Poetry in Performance
COMS 401 Performance and Social Change
COMS 404 Theories of Interpretation
COMS 445 Communication and Popular Cultures

Rhetorical Theory (Select 3 units—COMS 327 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band)
COMS 425 Theories of Argumentation and Deliberation
COMS 435 Rhetoric of Women
COMS 442 Rhetoric of Peace and Conflict
COMS 444 Political Rhetoric
COMS 448 Rhetoric of Extraordinary Claim

Communication Theory (Select 3 units—COMS 351 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band)
COMS 320 Communicative Functions of Language
COMS 350 Nonverbal Communication
COMS 431 Persuasion
COMS 451 Interpersonal Communication
COMS 453 Organizational Communication

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENT (Select 3 Units)
COMS 323 Group Communication
COMS 400C Directing Oral Performance
COMS 410 Community-Based Performance
COMS 437 Communication for Youth Institute
COMS 452 Communication Training and Development
COMS 494/L Internship in Organizational Communication

MAJOR ELECTIVES (15 units)
Select an additional 15 units of upper division courses in Communication Studies. These units may come from the courses listed above, as well as those listed below.
COMS 309 Advanced Public Speaking
COMS 325 Legal Argumentation
COMS 360 Communication and the Sexes
COMS 420 Language and Symbolic Processes
COMS 428 Freedom of Speech
COMS 443 Rhetoric in Business
COMS 446 Rhetoric of Crime and Punishment
COMS 454 Communication and Technology

TOTAL UNITS: 45 units
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