**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

California State University, Northridge  
Department Major Requirements(Effective Fall 2013)

**DEPARTMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS** (Complete All 15 units)

COMS 301 Performance, Language, and Cultural Studies  
COMS 321 Rhetorical Discourse

COMS 327 Rhetorical Theory

COMS 351 Communication Theory

COMS 356 Intercultural Communication

**DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**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 Communication Studies and Lab

**COMMUNICATION METHODS REQUIREMENT** (Select 3 Units)

COMS 430 Rhetorical Criticism

COMS 440 Performance & Cultural Studies Criticism  
COMS 450 Communication Research Methodology

**MAJOR ELECTIVES** (Select 15 units)

Any course listed in the above sections *(after completing the minimum 3 units)* may be counted for this section as well. If there is a COMS 300 or 400 level course not listed below (ex. Topics courses such as COMS 396A-Z), you may still apply it towards the COMS Major Elective section.

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| COMS 309 Advanced Public Speaking COMS 315 Communication and Agency COMS 325 Legal Argumentation COMS 360 Communication and the Sexes COMS 406 Performance Composition COMS 420 Language and Symbolic Processes | COMS 428 Freedom of Speech COMS 443 Rhetoric in Business COMS 446 Rhetoric of Crime and Punishment COMS 452 Training and Development  COMS 454 Communication and Technology COMS 464 Digital Rhetorics |

**TOTAL UNITS: 45 units**[Revised: 7/14/2020]