



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 203	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 251	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 355	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
COMS 356	3	
Elective	3	
Major Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS Production course	4	
Elective	3	
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b> COMS required Production courses for Media Studies emphasis include COMS 349, 357, 358, or 359.		

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3	
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b> See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options.		

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 403, 455, 465, or JOUR 480	3	• Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
COMS 407 Practicum	1	
Elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b> COMS 407 Practicum must be arranged with a COMS instructor or professor.		

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
Elective 300/400 Level	3	
Elective 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b> See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options.		

*Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.*