



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 203	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Foundational Studies: Quantitative Literacy	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 251	3	
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	
Knowledge Domain	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 355	3	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	
COMS 356	3	
Elective	3	
COMS 252	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU		

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

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3-4	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments: See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options.		

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

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 300/400 major elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: 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.