



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	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
Knowledge Domain	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Math Core Competency	3	
COMS 252	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3	
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	
Elective	3	
COMS 305	3	
COMS Rhetoric - Skills	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options.		

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS Rhetoric - Performance	3	
COMS major elective	3	
Elective	3	
Elective 300/300 level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: See NIU catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options		

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS major elective	3	
COMS major elective	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		

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 major elective	3	
COMS Rhetoric - Analysis	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Total hours	15	
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Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 400	3	
COMS major elective	3	
Elective	3	
Elective 300/400 level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
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.