



FOUR-YEAR STUDENT DEGREE PLAN 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Credits required for degree:	120
Major:	Journalism and Communication	Credits required in major:	42
Concentration:	Communication	Estimated semesters to complete this degree plan:	8

1st Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	2nd Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
COMM 102 Communication Essentials	3	COMM 120 Media Literacy	3
HUMA 101 Storytelling	3	COMM 172 Writing Essentials	3
ENGL 111 Writing for the 21st Century	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
COMM 145 Media Production	3	COMM 220 Media Activism	3
COMM 275 Interviewing	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Storytelling 300 Level (COMM 325/JOUR 350/RADI 421)	3	RADI 350 Podcast Series Production	3
COMM 323 AI Creation & Ethics	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
COMM 410 Community-Based Storytelling	3	COMM 430 Social Change Communication	3
JOUR 485 Chicago Media Lab or College-Wide Elective (if taking JOUR 481 next semester for 6 credits)	3	JOUR 485 Chicago Media Lab (repeatable) or 6 credits JOUR 481 Columbia TV	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
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Notes on the Four-Year Student Degree Plan:

This degree plan is a suggested sequence. Students should consult their advisor to create an individual plan.

All students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits in **Columbia Core Requirements**.

Major Electives are required courses chosen from a list in the course catalog.

College-Wide Electives are courses not counted toward the Columbia Core or Major Requirements.

All undergraduates must complete 6 credits of DEI coursework and 9 credits of advanced (200-level or higher) Columbia Core courses.

Students are encouraged to declare a Minor to fulfill College-Wide Elective credits.

Full-time status is 12+ credits, but tuition covers 12–18. Students are encouraged to take 15–16 credits per semester to stay on track for graduation and maximize value.



TRANSFER STUDENT DEGREE PLAN 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Credits required for degree:	120
Major:	Journalism and Communication	Credits required in major:	42
Concentration:	Communication	Estimated semesters to complete this degree plan:	4

1st Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	2nd Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
COMM 102 Communication Essentials	3	COMM 120 Media Literacy	3
HUMA 101 Storytelling	3	COMM 220 Media Activism	3
COMM 275 Interviewing	3	COMM 172 Writing Essentials	3
COMM 145 Media Production	3	Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Storytelling 300 Level (COMM 325/JOUR 350/RADI 421)	3	RADI 350 Social Justice Podcast Series	3
COMM 323 AI Creation & Ethics	3	COMM 430 Social Change Communication	3
COMM 410 Community Based Storytelling	3	JOUR 485 Chicago Media Lab (repeatable) or 6 credits JOUR 481 Columbia TV	3
JOUR 485 Chicago Media Lab or College-Wide Elective (if taking JOUR 481 next semester for 6 credits)	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	0	Total Semester Credit Hours	0
7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	0	Total Semester Credit Hours	0

Notes on the Transfer Student Degree Plan:

This plan assumes at least 60 transfer credits and completion of Columbia Core requirements. DEI and Columbia Experience must be completed at Columbia and cannot be fulfilled with transfer credits.

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All undergraduates must complete 6 credits of DEI coursework and 9 credits of advanced (200-level or higher) Columbia Core courses. Students are encouraged to declare a Minor to fulfill College-Wide Elective credits.

Full-time status is 12+ credits, but tuition covers 12–18. Students are encouraged to take 15–16 credits per semester to stay on track for graduation and maximize value.