

Sample Four-Year Degree Plan  
**B.S. COMMUNICATION STUDIES**



The State University of New York at Fredonia is committed to doing our part to provide each student a clear path to graduation. This four-year degree plan is a sample map for fulfilling requirements in the major, the College Core Curriculum (CCC), and other supporting courses. The pathway that you take to your degree may differ somewhat from this illustration, depending on where you start and the detours and side trips you may take along the way. If you are committed to completing your degree in four years, we encourage you to consider signing up for the Fredonia in 4 program. For complete information about this degree program, please consult the university catalog at [fredonia.smartcatalogiq.com](http://fredonia.smartcatalogiq.com)

FIRST YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication	3	COMM 105	Public Speaking	3
COMM 155	Rhetoric of Vision and Sound OR	3	CCC	Western Civilization	3
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	CCC	Natural Science	3
COMM 199	Communication Orientation	1	CCC	Social Science OR	3
CCC	Mathematics	3	CCC	Arts	
	General Elective (Non-COMM)	3		General Elective (Non-COMM)	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>16</b>			<b>15</b>

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SECOND YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM 295	Communication Research Methods	3
	General Elective (Non-COMM)	3	CCC	Other World Civilizations	3
CCC	American History	3	CCC	Natural Science	3
CCC	Foreign Language	3		Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3		General Elective (Non-COMM)	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>

**The B.S. Communication Studies** degree emphasizes the process of communication in three areas of human interaction—personal, professional and public. The goal of Communication Studies is to develop the student's ability to understand and apply theories and skills of communication performance, message construction, and communication analysis and evaluation across the three areas of emphasis. Our graduates are prepared to become communication generalists in business and civic settings and to pursue graduate studies in a number of areas including student personnel services, business, education, leadership training and communication.

THIRD YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
COMM 302	Rhetoric and Criticism	3		COMM Major Elective	3
	COMM Major Elective	3		COMM Major Elective	3
CCC	Social Science OR	3		Minor Course	3
CCC	Arts			General Elective (Non-COMM)	3
	Minor Course	3		General Elective (Non-COMM)	3
	General Elective (Non-COMM)	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>

FOURTH YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
COMM 465	Intercultural Communication	3	COMM 430	Communication Theory	3
	COMM Major Elective	3		COMM Major Elective	3
	Minor Course	3		Minor Course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>15</b>			<b>14</b>
<b>2016-2017</b>					<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
					<b>120</b>

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## Why study the Humanities at Fredonia?

The study of humanities encompasses how we use literature, philosophy, history, language and art to understand and record our lives and the world.

### A practical approach to a liberal arts experience

- Our programs are designed so you can build a strong background in historical knowledge and develop marketable skills that are transferable to a wide array of careers.
- You can conduct independent research — and then present your findings at conferences of all sizes.
- You can join several campus media outlets — from radio and television stations to print, online and social media channels. And they're all student-run, so opportunities to gain valuable experience abound.
- You can take advantage of diverse study abroad programs that blend instruction, culture and service, ranging from highly developed to indigenous communities.

## What can you do with a Humanities degree?

- Teach in secondary-level classrooms around the country and abroad.
- Work as a reporter, editor, TV anchor, radio personality, news director, videographer, public relations practitioner or other communications professional.
- Pursue public service as an elected or appointed government official.
- Serve as an administrator at a museum, library, or health/human service agency.



## Be ready for the future

96% of new Fredonia graduates report they are employed in their field of study or pursuing an advanced degree, such as a master's, doctorate or a law degree.

### Exceptional professors

- Our faculty members make sure teaching you is "Job 1" at Fredonia. They take an active interest in your personal development and professional success. And they'll know you by name, too.
- They're accomplished scholars, educators and writers who present their research and creative works internationally, and are widely published, too. In fact, you'll find the greatest concentration of published authors at Fredonia in the Humanities.
- Many have earned SUNY-wide awards in Teaching, Scholarship and Creative Activities, as well as prestigious national awards and fellowships.

### Internships abound

You'll be encouraged to apply what you've learned in the classroom through an extensive range of internships related to your major, so you can apply your knowledge in a real-world environment.

- Use your broad education to distinguish yourself in a variety of business-related fields.

### Accomplished Humanities alumni

- **Mark Anthony Neal** – Duke University professor, author and NPR host
- **Wendy Corsi Staub** – New York Times best-selling author
- **Gretchen Geitter** – Vice President for Community Relations, Buffalo Bills
- **James Foley** – former U.S. Ambassador to Haiti and Croatia

You're ready for the challenge.  
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