

Communication Studies (COMN)

This popular, dynamic program provides you with a comprehensive understanding of how communication functions in a social context. You will explore the theoretical and historical foundations of traditional and more recent mass media, study theories of communication processes and come to see how changes in communication technology interact with economic, political and social developments.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Communication Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major. A full course load equals 30 credits. Some students decide to take a partial course load in first year to acclimatize themselves to the university environment.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/COMN 1000 - Introduction to Communications	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside COMN	Any course that is not a COMN course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
	Total	30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Communication Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor.

Double Major Options Include:

English	Political Science
History	Professional Writing
Information Technology	Sociology
Law and Society	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

English	Professional Writing
History	Public Administration
Information Technology	Sociology
Political Science	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- **Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Barbara Barreto
Alumni
Communication Studies '17

"The Communication Studies program allowed me to think critically about how media influences our culture, and how technological development affects the communication process. Throughout my time at York I had very knowledgeable professors and the curriculum was very interesting and relevant."

Your Degree Pathway

An honours degree in Communication Studies requires the completion of 120 Credits and is typically completed over four academic years. Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Communication Studies Courses: Introduction to Communications

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Communication Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will focus on the critical topics in the Communication Studies program.



Communication Studies Courses: Introduction to Politics and Media, Information and Technology, Media and Society

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Communication Studies will intensify the focus in your major but will increase the number of elective courses to provide you with a broader base of knowledge.



Communication Studies Courses: Choose from a wide variety of advanced topics in Communication Studies

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Communication Studies courses or further courses of interest

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, you will focus on advanced topics in both Communication Studies and your other selected areas of interest.



Communication Studies Courses: Choose from a wide variety of 4000 level courses in Communication Studies

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Communication Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!