

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Directions: Complete this application and all attached forms. Please note that this application is a fillable PDF; use PDF software to complete it. Then upload those materials to the COM Forms web page. https://communicationstudies.tcnj.edu/forms/

All forms must be formatted and attached as PDFs; a link to a shared file will not work.

The chair of the department will review the application to determine if you are accepted into the Communication Studies program. Be sure to fill out all fields on all forms completely and accurately. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will be rejected.

Once you have completed at least one of the following courses with a C+ or higher grade, full major status may be granted: COM 103, COM 117, COM 118, COM 172 or COM 242.

If you have not yet taken or completed one of these courses, pre-major status may be granted at the chair's discretion.

If you take more than one of these courses during the semester in which you apply, then you must earn a C+ or better in all of them.

If you have taken one or more courses during a semester(s) prior to your application, then you must have earned a C+ or better in all of them.

Finally, your GPA must be 2.0 or greater.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Students are not guaranteed placement in preferred courses upon entry.

Transferring majors may affect originally anticipated graduation time. First Name: Last Name: **EMAIL** PAWS ID # PHONE # PRESENT MAJOR Freshman **CURRENT GRADE LEVEL:** Sophomore Junior Senior 2. NUMBER OF ACCUMULATED COURSE UNITS: 3. **CUMULATIVE GPA:** Digital Filmmaking & Television DECLARE SPECIALIZATION/SUBPLAN: 4. **Emerging Communication Technologies** 5. Will this be a second major for you? Health & Wellness Communication Yes No, this will be primary for me Interpersonal & Strategic Communication Mass Media & Social Media

If you are accepted as a pre-major, you will have one semester to complete one of our gateway courses. Upon completion, the chair will review your status.

Once approved as a full major, you will then need to complete your choice of specialization with Records & Registration.

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Draw upon background information relative to your interest in Communication Studies (e.g., courses you have taken, independent work you have done, student organizations you are involved with), write a statement explaining why you would like to be admitted into the Communication Studies major.

Focus on why you wish to admitted to the major, not on why you are leaving your current one. *In your answer, be sure to take one example from one of the pre-requisite COM course(s) you are taking now or have taken before.*

2.	If there is an aspect of this application you feel warrants an explanation (a grade, class withdrawal, GPA etc.), please explain it below. If you are transferring from another major, please explain why you are transferring.
3.	If you are planning on adding Communication Studies as a second major, please explain how this major will supplement your academic career.

COM PROGRAM PLANNER - included in the application PDF.

• Fill out the most recent Program Planner for Communication Studies majors.

ATTACH: UNOFFICIAL PAWS TRANSCRIPT

• Please print and attach your unofficial PAWS transcript.

In order to do this, log into PAWS, then select "Transcript: View Unofficial" from the drop-down menu under the "Academics" section of your Student Center. Then, on the next page, select "Unofficial Transcript" from the "Report Type" field, then click "View Report."

• Finally, save as a PDF, title with your name, and upload it with your application.

The Department of Communication Studies will NOT obtain your unofficial transcript for you.

ATTACH: COMPLETE the RECORDS & REGISTRATION CHANGE OF MAJOR FORM (separate attachment)

- Please complete the attached "CHANGE OF MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR" form from the Office of Records & Registration. Don't forget to sign it!!
 - Save as a PDF, title with your name, and upload with your application.

Please note that this form is required in order for Records & Registration to change your major in PAWS. This form requires both your signature and the signature of the chair. The chair will sign the form only once he or she has approved this entire application.

The chair will not approve applications that do not declare a specialization.

FINAL STEPS

Upload your application on the COM Department Forms & Information page. https://communicationstudies.tcnj.edu/forms/

Include:

- COM application with Program Planner
- R&R Change of Major signed form
- Your PAWS unofficial transcript

When your application is reviewed, you will be contacted by the Department of Communication Studies.

Please do not contact the Department about the status of your application.

If your application is accepted, the signed "CHANGE OF MAJOR/SECOND MAJOR" form will be sent to the Office of Records & Registration. You will receive an email notification on the status of your application at that time. It may take a few days for your change of major to appear on PAWS.

Keep a copy of your original packet PDF. Your Program Planner should be used at every advising session. It will serve as an advising tool for future meetings with your advisor.

If your application is rejected, the Department of Communication Studies will notify you. From there, you may need to make changes to the application and resubmit it, wait until next semester, or consider other academic programs.

Use this planner to see courses in each program of study. Mark them off as you progress in your coursework. This is a tool for you and your advisor to use together.

COM Program Planner	Revised 9/2023	Check off courses as you complete them	This sheet is a checklist to be used by the student and their advisor.		
Name:	PAWS ID:	Graduation Date:	Second Major:	Minor:	
MAJOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	(12 Courses Total)				
	This program planner outlines the average Communication Studies major's requirements. It does not necessarily reflect the requirements of all majors, such as dual majors, double majors, transfer students, and students with multiple minors.				
Digital Filmmaking and Television	Emerging Communication Technologies	Health Communication (9 Courses)	Interpersonal & Strategic Communication	Mass Media & Social Media	
(9 Courses) Required:	(9 Courses) Required	Required	(9 Courses) Required:	(9 Courses) Required:	
COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*	
COM 103	COM 117 or COM 118 or COM 172 or COM 242 or	COM 117* or COM 118* or COM 172* or COM	COM 172 or COM 265 or COM 292 or COM	COM 117 or COM 118 or COM 242 or COM	
COM 117* or COM 118*	COM 292	242* or COM 265	310	265 or COM 292	
COM 172 or COM 242 or COM 265 or COM					
310	COM 265*	COM 292* or COM 293*	COM 242*	COM 172* or COM 201*	
COM 212*	COM 345	COM 390 or COM 385	COM 335 or COM 371 or COM 394	COM 372	
COM 312	COM 390 or COM 385	COM 394	COM 390 or COM 385	COM 390	
COM 381 or COM 390		COM 415			
COM 442					
Choose two additional courses from the DFT column on	Choose four additional courses from ECT column on	Choose three additional courses from HW column on	Choose four additional courses from IS column	Choose four additional courses from the MMSM column on the second sheet:	
the second sheet (300 level or higher):	second sheet (minimum 2 from COM)	second sheet	on second sheet	MMSM column on the second sheet:	
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Communication Studies Electives	3 COM additional electives required for most su	bplans.	These COM Electives are independent from your	specialization electives above.	
General Electives	1	2	3	4	
	5	6			
COLLEGE CORE	MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES	SOCIAL JUSTICE PROFICIENCIES		MINOR (Typically 5 Courses)	
Arts & Humanities (2 courses)	(Select one from each category)	Social Justice		NAME OF MINOR:	
Literary, Visual, or Performing Arts (LVPA)	LVPA	May be met through Courses, Programs or Sustained Experiences		1	
Belief Systems (BS)	BS	Community Engagement		2	
		Gender & Sexuality		3	
Social Science & History (2 Courses)	(Select one from each category)	Global Perspective		4	
Behavioral, Social or Cultural Perspectives (BSCP)	BSCP	Race & Ethnicity		5	
Historical Perspective (HP)	НР	,			
Natural Sciences & Quantitative Reasoning (2	(Select one from each category, must have at least one lab science)	Intellectual & Scholarly Growth		Second Language Proficiency (Up to 3 Courses)	
Courses)				Demonstrated proficiency at the Low Intermediate Level (based on	
Natural Sciences (NS)	NSLAB	FYW 101 (if required)		language placement test result)	
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	QR	FYW 102 (if required)		PLACED OUT OF LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	
Complete two additional courses by selecting		Whiting Intensity Commence (2 Commence)		Y/N	
two of the following three options: (2 Courses)		Writing Intensive Courses (3 Courses)			
•LVPA or BS		FYS First Year Seminar			
•BSCP or HP		COM 172 (second level)			
•NS or OR		COM 390, COM 381 or COM 411 (pending) (third level)			

This program planner does not include some other requirements necessary for graduation, such as information literacy proficiency.

COM 270/370 Special Topics are offered occasionally and may count as electives: check with your academic advisor.

COM Program Page: https://communicationstudies.tcnj.edu/academics/