



## 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 be 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

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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**

**PAWS ID: (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.*

**\* C+ or better**

**Digital Filmmaking and Television**  
(9 Courses)  
**Required:**

**Emerging Communication Technologies**  
(9 Courses)  
**Required:**

**Health Communication** (9 Courses)  
**Required**

**Interpersonal & Strategic Communication**  
(9 Courses)  
**Required:**

**Mass Media & Social Media**  
(9 Courses)  
**Required:**

COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*	COM 103*
COM 117* or COM 118*	COM 117 or COM 118 or COM 172 or COM 242 or COM 292	COM 117* or COM 118* or COM 172* or COM 242* or COM 265	COM 172 or COM 265 or COM 292 or COM 310	COM 117 or COM 118 or COM 242 or COM 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 the second sheet (300 level or higher):

Choose four additional courses from ECT column on second sheet (minimum 2 from COM)

Choose three additional courses from HW column on second sheet

Choose four additional courses from IS column on second sheet

Choose four additional courses from the MMSM column on the second sheet:


Communication Studies Electives  
General Electives

3 COM additional electives required for most subplans.

These COM Electives are independent from your specialization electives above.

	1	2	3	4
	5	6		

COLLEGE CORE		MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities (2 courses)</b>		<i>(Select one from each category)</i>	
Literary, Visual, or Performing Arts (LVPA)		LVPA	
Belief Systems (BS)		BS	
<b>Social Science &amp; History (2 Courses)</b>		<i>(Select one from each category)</i>	
Behavioral, Social or Cultural Perspectives (BSCP)		BSCP	
Historical Perspective (HP)		HP	
<b>Natural Sciences &amp; Quantitative Reasoning (2 Courses)</b>		<i>(Select one from each category, must have at least one lab science)</i>	
Natural Sciences (NS)		NSLAB	
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)		QR	
<b>Complete two additional courses by selecting two of the following three options: (2 Courses)</b>			
•LVPA or BS			
•BSCP or HP			
•NS or QR			

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROFICIENCIES	
<b>Social Justice</b>	
May be met through Courses, Programs or Sustained Experiences	
Community Engagement	
Gender & Sexuality	
Global Perspective	
Race & Ethnicity	
<b>Intellectual &amp; Scholarly Growth</b>	
FYW 101 (if required)	
FYW 102 (if required)	
<b>Writing Intensive Courses (3 Courses)</b>	
FYS First Year Seminar	
COM 172 (second level)	
COM 390, COM 381 or COM 411 (pending) (third level)	

MINOR (Typically 5 Courses)	
NAME OF MINOR:	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Second Language Proficiency (Up to 3 Courses)	
Demonstrated proficiency at the Low Intermediate Level (based on language placement test result)	
PLACED OUT OF LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	
Y/N	

*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/>