



School of Communication – SDSU

Academic Pitfalls – General COMM Majors

There are many things to consider when planning your education. Advisors are here to help you. Everyone has a General Advisor for GE and a different advisor for their major.

Please be aware of these major pitfalls and seek advising when in doubt.

1. **GPA Minimum:** You must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to graduate with a degree.
2. **Bachelor's Degree Units:** You must earn 120 units to get a degree. Often times your required GE and Communication Major will not add up to 120 units. You still have to take 120 units. We suggest a minor.
3. **Liberal or Applied:** You must pick an emphasis. Liberal takes 3 semesters of foreign language and applied must take three semesters of math. Choose wisely.
4. **First Step in the COMM Major:** Please take COMM 300 & 350 TOGETHER in the same semester as soon as you finish the pre-major. If you do not you will not be able to get into other 400 level classes and delay your graduation.
5. **Second Step in the COMM Major:** Once you finish COMM 300 and 350, finish your sections, also called Conceptualizing and Investigating next. You CANNOT take any Conceptualizing or Investigating class concurrently with Capstone. These class must all be finished BEFORE you enroll in Capstone.
6. **Major & GE:** Several Classes can be used to count towards BOTH your major and GE. So, you can “double dip”, and have one class count for both requirements. Classes that count for both are noted on the advising sheet.

