

IV. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION (45 credits)

Public Relations Majors are encouraged to broaden their education by sampling courses from many disciplines. Courses taken to meet Core Degree Requirements (see reverse) cannot double-count in Pathways.

Pathways Core 1 Discourse Select 3 courses	(9 credits)	(3)1f _____	(3)1f _____	(3)1a _____
Pathways Core 2 Critical Thinking in the Humanities Select 2 courses	(6 credits)	(3) _____	(3) _____	
Pathways Core 3 Reasoning in the Social Sciences Select 2 courses	(6 credits)	(3) _____	(3) _____	
Pathways Core 4 Reasoning in the Natural Sciences Select 2 courses	(6 credits)	(3) _____	(3) _____	
Pathways Core 5 Quantitative & Computational Thinking Select 3 courses	(9 credits)	(3)5f _____	(3)5f _____	(3)5a _____
Pathways Core 6 Critique & Practice in Design & Art Select 2 courses	(6 credits)	(3)6a _____	(3)6d _____	
Pathways Core 7 Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in U.S. Select 1 course	(3 credits)	(3) _____		

Pathways credits: 45

V. MINOR + ELECTIVES (29 credits)

In addition to Major and Pathways requirements, students must complete the following to reach 120 credits for graduation:

1. **Minor, cognate, or double major**—*Beyond* studies in Communication and Public Relations, students must build content knowledge in another area of focus by completing a minor or cognate (minimum 18 credits) or double major (credits vary by major). Students **should NOT take COMM, JMC, or PR courses** as part of this requirement.
2. **Electives**—Once students complete a minor or cognate, they still need hours for graduation. Students might consider education abroad, an internship, a field study, undergraduate research, independent study, or other non-required Pathways or foreign language courses. Students **should NOT include COMM, JMC, or PR courses** among these electives.

Minor and elective credits: 29

Total credits for graduation: 120

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum of 120 semester credit hours from the following categories: Core Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, Major Electives, Pathways to General Education, Minor and Electives.
2. Minimum of 46 credits in COMM, JMC, or PR; maximum 48 credits in COMM, JMC or PR. **Note: Accreditation standards require Public Relations Majors to complete at least 72 hours outside COMM, JMC or PR.**
3. Overall GPA of 2.0; major GPA 2.0, based on all COMM, JMC, or PR courses the student has completed.
4. Courses taken in major to fulfill graduation requirements must be graded A-F (not pass/fail).
5. COMM, JMC, or PR courses taken for a minor may NOT be counted toward major requirements.
6. Foreign Language—Requirement can be met in one of three ways:
 - 3 years of single foreign language in high school OR
 - 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college OR
 - 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (This credit must be in addition to the 120 credits required for graduation.)

PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE

A student will be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree by meeting these requirements:

- Completion of COMM 1004 within the first 3 classes (9 credits) in the major.
- Completion of COMM 1014 within the first 6 classes (18 credits) in the major. Minimum grade of C- required.
- Completion of COMM 2124 within the first 8 classes (24 credits) in the major.
- Overall GPA—Students who fall below 2.0 will follow university policies for probation and subsequent suspension if the GPA is not raised during the probation period.
- Major GPA—Students who fall below 2.0 in their major coursework will have one semester to regain the required GPA standards. All COMM, JMC, and PR courses are included in this calculation. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress toward degree after that semester will be blocked from continuing in PR or another Department of Communication major.