



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS)	3	
Gen Ed: Social Sciences	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 104	3	
COMS 251	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (VPA)	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 252	3	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS or VPA)	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b> COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 355	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
COMS 356	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Gen Ed: Interdisciplinary Studies	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 357/358/359	4	
Gen Ed: Social Science	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Gen Ed	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Gen Ed	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 455/JOUR 480	3	• Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
COMS 407	1-3	
Elective	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>16-18</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 300/400 Level	3	
COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Elective 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>		

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.