



Communication Major Information Session
Main Campus (Tucson) & Arizona Online



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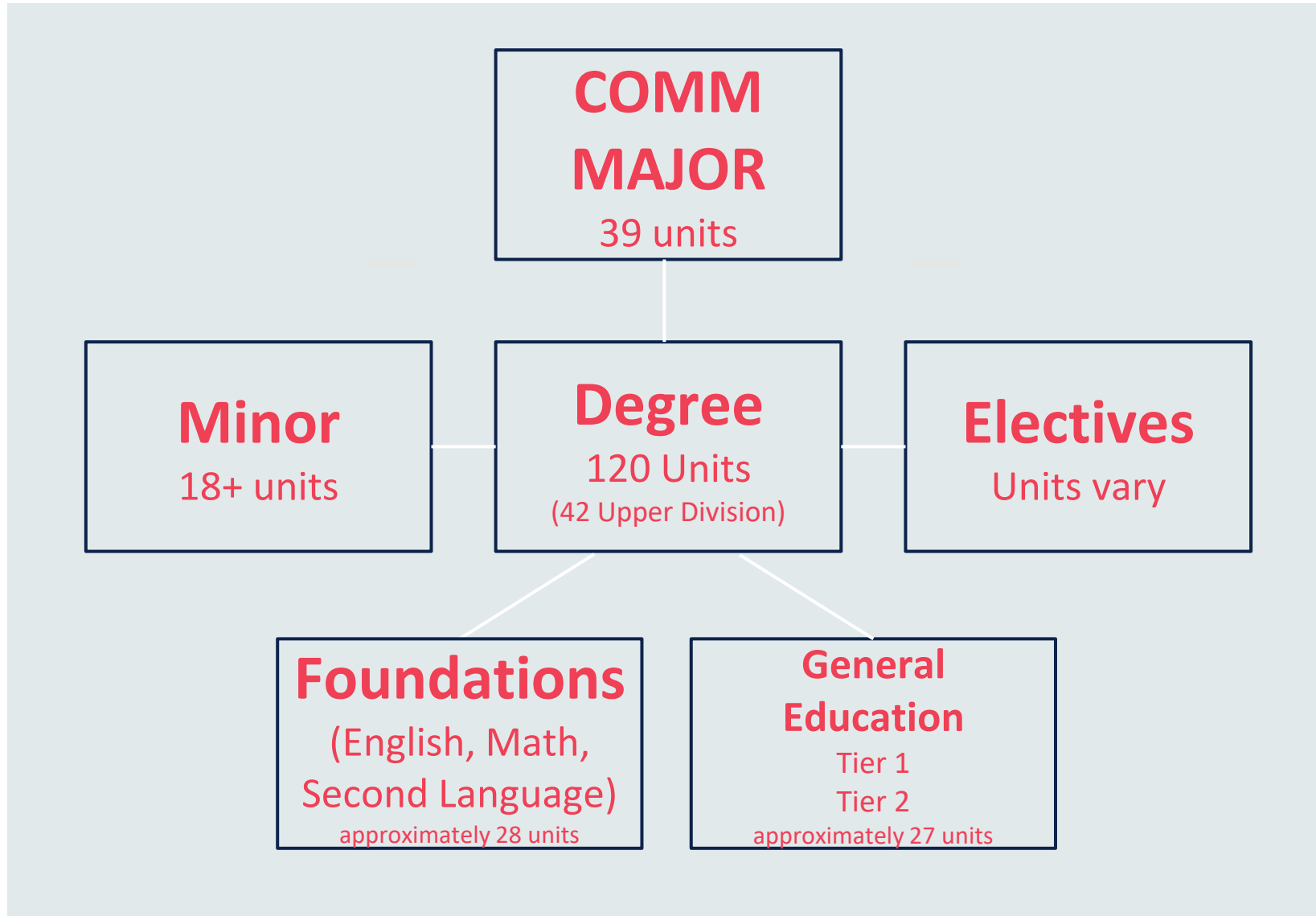
- Completion of this online information session is necessary for declaring a major in Communication for Main Campus (Tucson) and Arizona Online.
- Please remain *attentive* throughout the presentation. You will need to fill out *two* items at the end:
 - 1) Major Agreement
 - 2) Quiz

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

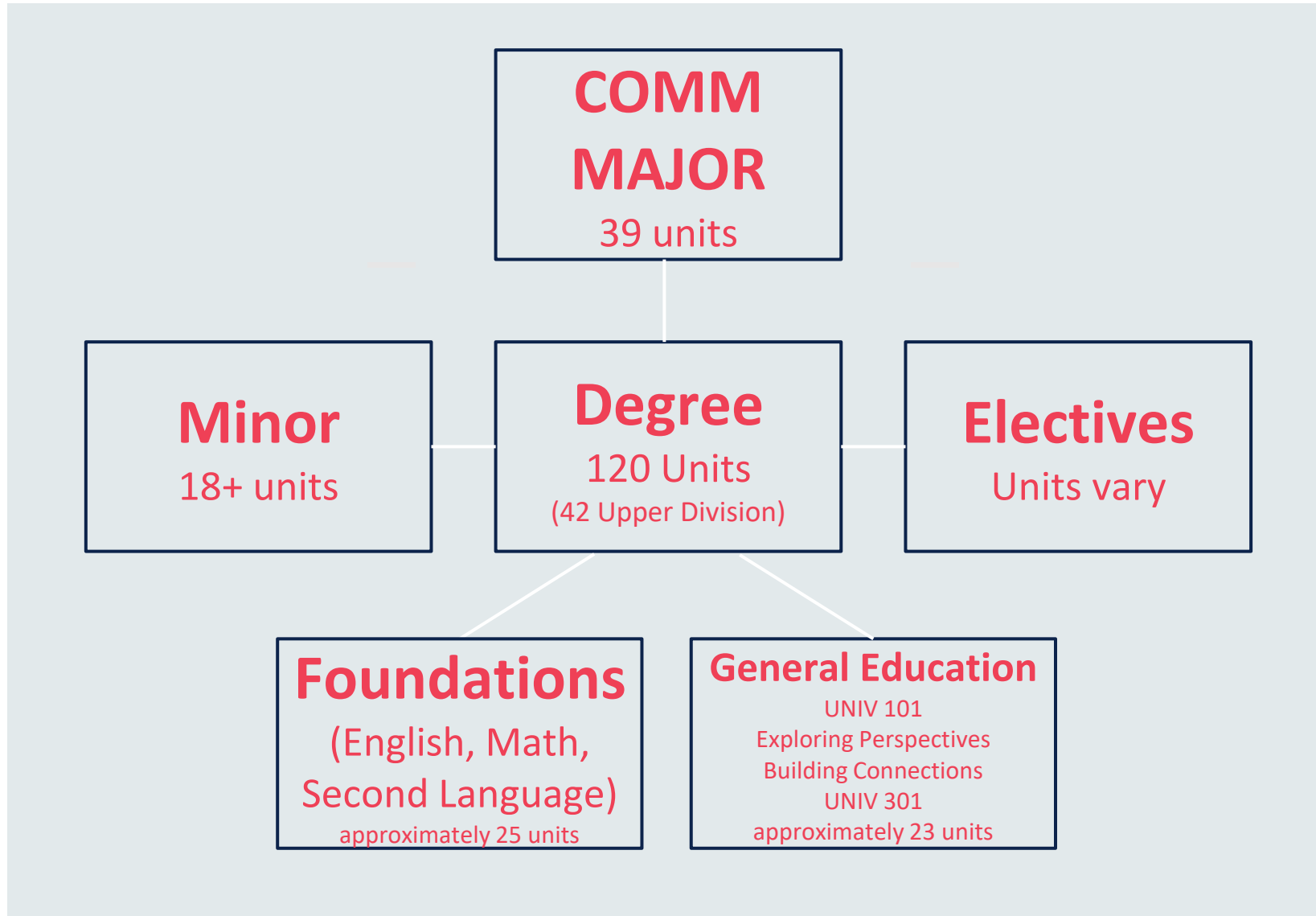
Bachelor Arts

- **120 Total Units** required to graduate
- **42 Units Must be Upper Division**
 - Upper Division: Courses numbered **300-499**
- **Must Pass Mid-Career Writing Assessment (MCWA)** and can be fulfilled by achieving the following:
 - **B** or higher in **ENGL 102**
 - OR
 - **C** or higher in **COMM 300**
- **Minimum of 30 units** completed at the University of Arizona
 - In-person or online courses

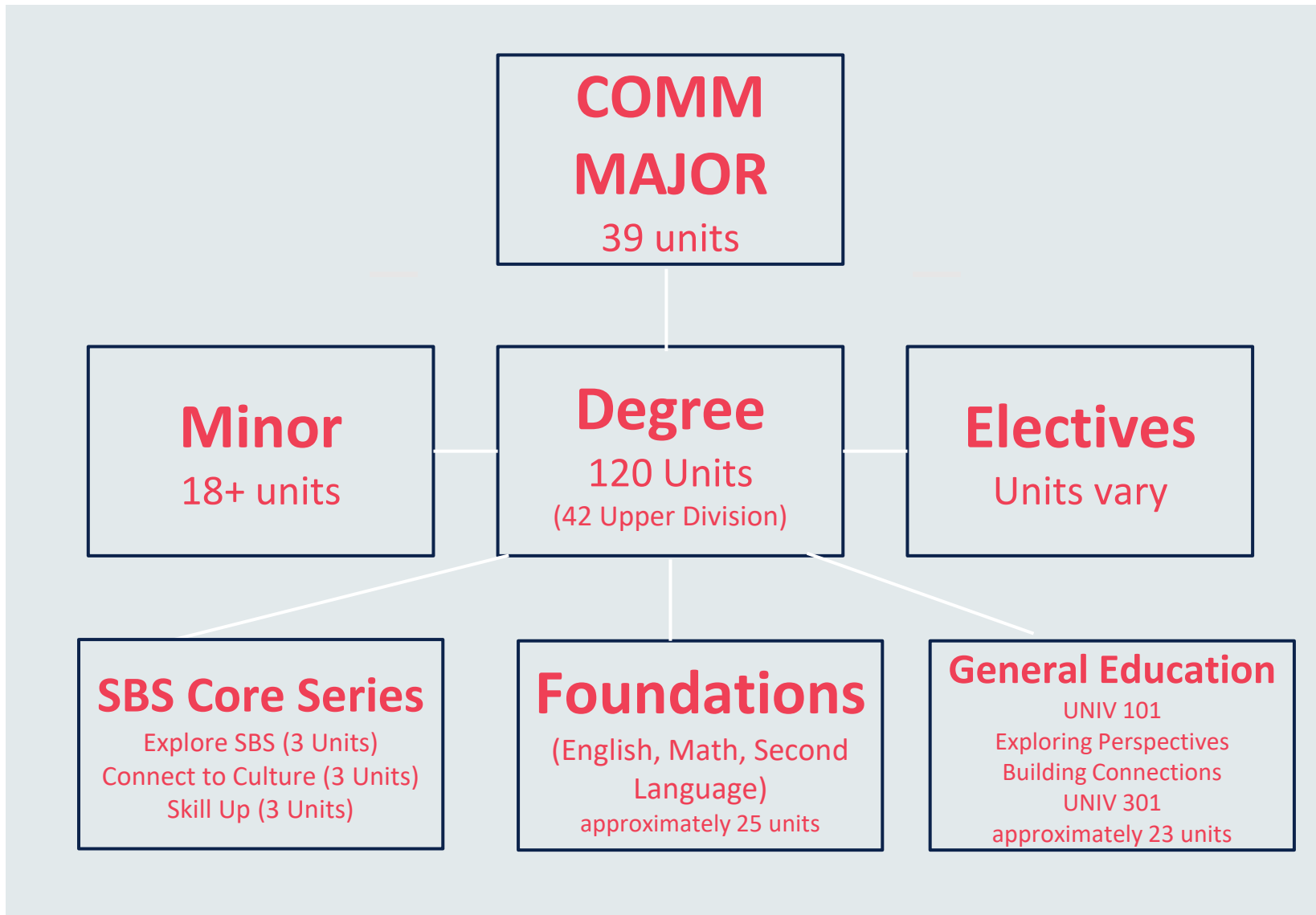
Breakdown of Degree - Admitted to UA **BEFORE** Spring 2022



Breakdown of Degree - Admitted to UA Spring 2022 – Summer 2024



Breakdown of Degree - Admitted to UA Fall 2024 and beyond



Grade Point Average Requirements

2.00
Major GPA

2.00
Minor GPA

2.00
Cumulative GPA



Must maintain GPA to graduate



Foundation Requirements

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

- **ENGL 101/101A + ENGL 102**

OR

- **ENGL 107 + ENGL 108** (*If English is not your first language*)

OR

- **ENGL 109H** (*Grade of C or higher required*)



Foundation Requirements

MATH

- MATH 100 + MATH 107 + SBS 200

OR

- MATH 107 + SBS 200

OR

- SBS 200

**Note: DRC Math Accommodations are NOT accepted due to the research nature of COMM*



Foundation Requirements

SECOND LANGUAGE

You must demonstrate 4th semester proficiency in a second language of your choice. Proficiency can be satisfied in many ways:

- **Second Language Course**
- **CLEP Exam**
- **Proficiency Exam**

**Note: DRC Language Accommodations ARE accepted*

Minor

All Communication Students are required to have a minor, unless double majoring in another major that leads to a B.A.

- **The Minor will include:**
 - At least 18 units
 - 9 units must be Upper Division
 - Must maintain a 2.00 GPA

For specific minor requirements, consult academic catalogs, and minor advisors.

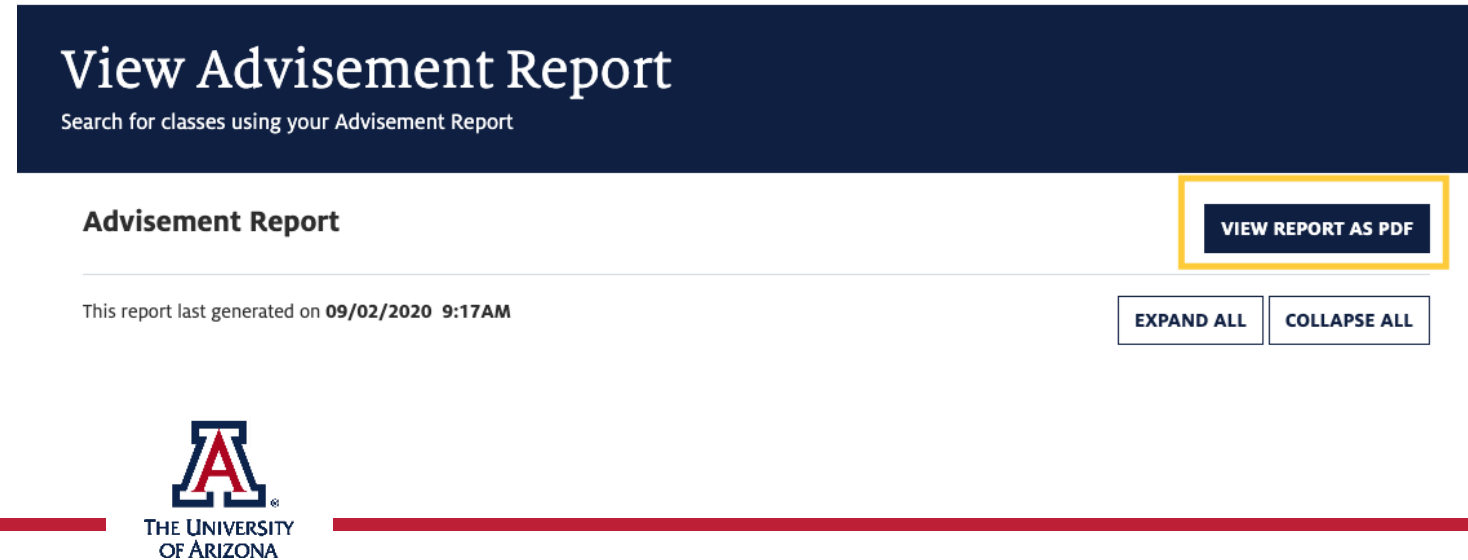
Minor Directory: <https://ua-trellis.my.site.com/Public/s/advisors-by-minor>

Electives

- Electives may be required to reach 120 units required for graduation or the 42 upper division units for graduation
- It is VERY possible to complete your major, minor, general education, foundations and not have 120 total or 42 upper division units. Electives may be required to reach this university graduation requirement.

Advisement Report

- It is highly encouraged that you review your Advisement Report before seeing an academic advisor or before registering for classes.
- To review, log on to UAccess Student Center, click on the “Advising” tab, click on “Advisement Report”, and “View Report as PDF”.



COMMUNICATION MAJOR

Please note:

The correct name of this major is “Communication” with no “s” at the end. Communication and Communications are both distinct areas of study. The Communication major at the University of Arizona focuses on the research and theories behind the scientific study of how humans send and receive messages.



COMMUNICATION MAJOR

Through communication, humans structure their environment and determine the nature of their relationship with others. This major centers on the scientific study of communication, its processes and effects. Students may take courses related to interpersonal communication, social influence, and persuasion, or in the social effects of media and new information technologies. Because communication is the most basic social behavior and the means by which individuals function in society, its study is relevant to many academic and career interests. However, the major does **NOT** focus on specific skills training such as public relations, broadcast journalism, sports marketing, or film and television.



COMMUNICATION MAJOR

- Requirements:

- 39 COMM units
- 18 Upper Division units
- 18 units in residence (at UA)

- Breakdown of Major Requirements:

- Core I: 9 units
- Core II: 4 units (SBS 200)
- Skills: 3 units
- Theory: 15 units
- COMM Electives: 9 units



CORE COURSES

- **COMM 101: Intro to the Study of COMM**
 - Prerequisites: None
 - Must pass course with at least a grade of C
- **COMM 228: Intro to Research Methods**
 - Prerequisites:
 - Admission to COMM Major
 - COMM 101 with at least a grade of C
 - *Recommended:* Take SBS 200 prior to COMM 228
- **COMM 300: Intro to COMM Theory**
 - Prerequisites:
 - Admission to COMM Major
 - COMM 101 with at least a grade of C
- **SBS 200: Intro to Statistics for the Social Sciences**
 - Prerequisites:
 - MATH 107 or higher or placement directly into SBS 200

NOTE:

It is HIGHLY recommended that you take **SBS 200** prior to taking **COMM 228: Research Methods** and all Theory courses. The material covered in **SBS 200** will help you prepare you for these classes!



COMM Skills + COMM Electives

Declared Communication Major Student

One COMM Skills course is required:

- COMM 113: Intro to Small Group COMM
- COMM 114: Intro to Interpersonal COMM
- COMM 117: Culture and Communication
- COMM 119: Public Speaking
- COMM 201: Intro to Public Relations
- COMM 209: Intro to COMM Technology
- COMM 280: Intimate & Sexual Communication
- COMM 310: Intro to Organizational COMM
- COMM 312: Applied Organizational COMM
- COMM 314: Creative Professional COMM
- COMM 319: Advanced Public Speaking
- COMM 325: Argumentation
- COMM 411: COMM & Conflict Management

Prerequisites: Varies by course

Three COMM Electives are required:

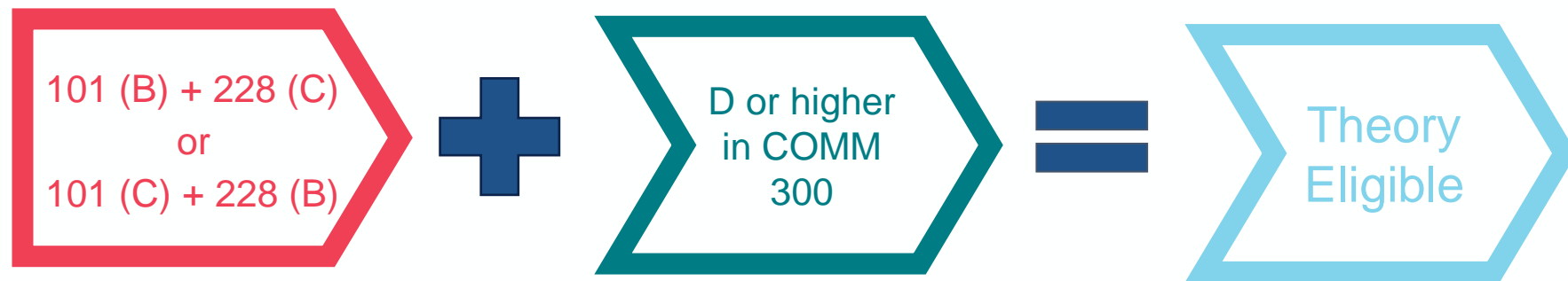
- ANY additional COMM Skills course(s)
- ANY additional COMM Theory course(s)
 - If Theory Eligible
- COMM 410: Struggle for the Presidency
- COMM 420: COMM & the Legal Process



THEORY ENROLLMENT POLICY

To become Theory Eligible, you must satisfy the Theory Enrollment Policy. This must be done by completing the following:

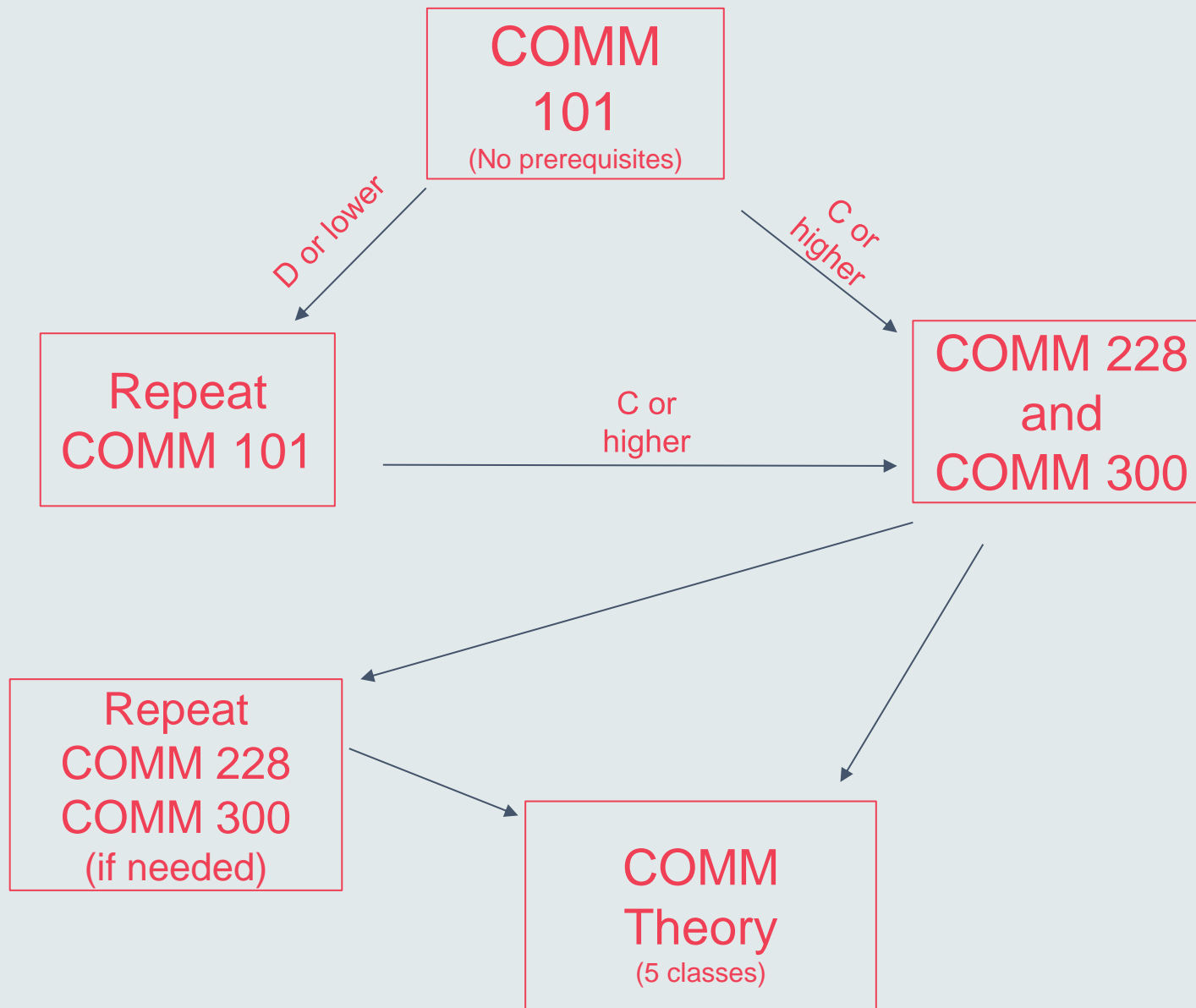
- Declared Communication Major Student
- Passing grade in COMM 300
- Achieving a 2.50 GPA between **COMM 101** and **COMM 228** with no less than a C in each course
 - If you do not meet the criteria above, then you will be removed from the major (even if you are a senior)



Theory Enrollment policy can be referenced any time on the COMM Website:

<https://comm.arizona.edu/theory-eligibility>





As you can see, this is a **highly structured** major. On average, it takes 5 to 6 semesters to complete. However, it depends mostly on what you have completed up to this point.

COMM Skills and many COMM Electives have no prerequisites other than being a declared Communication major student and can be completed at any time.



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COMMUNICATION

UA Barcelona & UA Madrid Fall, Spring, or full academic year
Take Communication Major Classes Abroad!

- **COM 316:** Media & Conflict = COMM Theory or COMM Elective
- **COM 317:** Communication & Gender = COMM 413 (COMM Theory)
- **COM 318:** Intercultural Communication = COMM 117 (COMM Skills)
- **International Internship:** Can earn credit for COMM Elective (*evaluation required for approval*)

Learn more about Barcelona & Madrid and start your application: <https://international.arizona.edu/study-abroad>

Additional questions? Contact your Communication Advisor or reach out directly to the **Study Abroad Office**, studyabroad@arizona.edu



FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

FERPA is a federal law that protects your education records. This means, the Communication Department cannot speak to anyone about your academic progress or situation, including your parents, friends, or significant other.

Because this law exists to protect you, we ask that you help us to respect it by communicating with us directly and not allowing or encouraging anyone to contact the Communication Department on your own behalf. If others need to be involved, then please take appropriate action to file an Authorization for Release of Information with the Registrar's Office.

FERPA Form can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website:
<https://registrar.arizona.edu/privacy-ferpa/student-parent-information>



Now What?

Thank you for completing the Communication Major Information Session!

You will be declared as a COMM Major after your completion of **BOTH** of the following:

- Communication Major Quiz (← click here)
- Major Agreement (← click here)
 - This is a contract between you and the Communication Department. Please read it very carefully before you electronically sign it.
 - You can only be declared by completing **BOTH** items.

New majors are declared every Friday morning.

In addition to the items above, you must have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA and no incomplete coursework (“I” grades) at this time.



Academic Advising

Please review information on this presentation and what is available on <https://comm.arizona.edu/>



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*30 minute Appointments are available to Communication Majors **only**.

*Advisors do have 20 minute appointments available to **ALL** students, regardless of major, each week.

*You are also welcome to see an advisor during our posted drop-in hours. Log on to Trellis Advise to view our weekly hours.



Final Reminders

- The name of the major is Communication with no “s” at the end.
- Foundation coursework should be prioritized, especially MATH and Second Language courses.
- COMM Core courses must be completed in a satisfactory manner to progress to COMM Theory courses. [Click here to review Theory Eligibility requirements.](#)
- New majors are declared Friday mornings. An email will be sent once your major is changed.

