

COM Undergraduate Student Academic Contract

Good Standing

All students must receive a C or higher in COM CO 101 in order to continue in, or Intra University Transfer (IUT) to, the College of Communication. Students may only attempt COM CO 101 for a letter grade a maximum of two times ("W" grades do NOT count as an attempt). If they do not make the minimum grade in COM CO 101 during the second attempt they will not be eligible to remain as a COM major or IUT to COM. Only 4 units of COM CO 101 can count toward the unit total required for graduation.

If a student earns a minimum of 12 academic units (a full-time course load) and has a 2.0 or higher GPA and GPI at the conclusion of each term, the student will be considered in good academic standing.

COM students must achieve a 3.80 Grade Point Index (GPI) or higher in a fall term or spring term to earn Dean's List. Dean's List is not awarded over BU Summer Term. Students must have successfully completed a full-time course load and have no missing grades (MG), incomplete grades (I), or other unresolved grades for the term. Grade changes after Dean's List has been assigned for the term do not apply toward Dean's List.

Probation and Suspension

If during any term a student fails to complete a minimum of 12 academic units or falls below a 2.0 GPA and/or GPI, they will fall into one of the categories listed below:

If after one term a student fails to successfully complete 12 academic units or has lower than a 2.0 GPA or GPI they will be placed on **Academic Probation**.

If after the first term of Academic Probation a student fails to complete 12 academic units, reach a 2.0 GPI, or a 2.0 GPA, their academic record will be reviewed. Students may be moved to **Academic Suspension, Dismissal, or, in limited cases, a second term of Academic Probation. Typically, students can be on Academic Probation for no more than two consecutive terms.**

Any student who, after a suspension, shows limited or no improvement in their GPI or GPA upon their return, that student will be permanently dismissed from the University.

Internships and Study Abroad

Each COM undergraduate major has specific pre-requisites to earning 2 or 4 units for a COM internship course. Please refer to your major internship coordinator for more information on those pre-requisites.

Students who plan to participate in a Boston University Study Abroad program that offers a COM internship must meet all pre-requisites for the internship course. All students earning 2 or 4 units for a COM internship course must have a minimum of junior class standing. Other course and GPA prerequisite requirements need to be met as well.

Students wishing to participate on a non-BU study abroad, a non-internship study abroad program, or a non-COM-internship study abroad program may participate if the student has a 2.0 or higher overall GPA and is in good academic standing. First-year students cannot study abroad. External to BU transfer students are not allowed to apply to any study abroad program until after they have a Boston University GPA on record and meet all other requirements on our Study Abroad Fact Sheets. Study Abroad and internship requirements are non-negotiable.

All COM students must complete at least one faculty mentor approved professional experience (COM CO 575) prior to earning a degree from the College of Communication.

BU/COM Requirements

All students are required to complete all degree requirements and a minimum of 128 units. Transfer, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses may change the number of units needed to be completed at Boston University. If a DDP (Dual Degree Program) or a minor is declared, the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools. DDP students must complete additional units and requirements as outlined by the University-wide DDP policy.

Effective fall 2021, COM will allow undergraduate students to complete a maximum of 4 units of one-unit and half-unit Boston University courses that can count toward the unit total required for graduation. No OPT units can count toward graduation. COM is allowing students who are enrolled at BU in the fall 2021 semester (and beyond) to apply this policy to BU one-unit and half-unit courses completed during a previous BU term.

Graduation

At the conclusion of their chosen programs, all College of Communication students must have a **2.0 or higher overall BU GPA and a COM GPA of 2.0 or higher**. All degree, college and university requirements **must be fulfilled** in order to graduate. No more than 16 units of D grades may count toward graduation. DDP students must meet all graduation requirements for both schools and satisfy all requirements outline in the Boston University DDP policy.