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To continue to COM from CGS, you must have:

- Completed all CGS core courses and appropriate electives.
- Cumulative GPA \geq 2.30 (A 2.30 cumulative GPA is a strict minimum)
- Completed the required elective **COM CO201** (Introduction to Communication Writing) with a **minimum C+ grade**.

Students must clearly demonstrate effective writing skills in COM CO201, "Introduction to Communication Writing" (minimum "C+" grade). A "C" is not sufficient.

Students may retake this course once during the semester **immediately following** their first attempt, but no later than Summer Session II of their sophomore year.

Student must have a 2.3 GPA overall in order to be eligible to retake COM CO201.

Electives

There is one REQUIRED ELECTIVE: **CO201 Introduction to Communication Writing**. This course, required of all COM students, is to be taken during either semester of the sophomore year or by the end of BU Summer Term Session 2.

OTHER ELECTIVES CGS sophomore students may take:

- JO307 Newswriting & Reporting I (CO201 prerequisite)
- JO357 History & Principles of Journalism
- CM301 Principles and Practices of Public Relations
- CM317 Introduction to Advertising
- CM380 Theory & Process of Communication
- FT303 Introduction to TV & Media
- FT360 Understanding Film

All electives other than CO201 will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis at the appropriate department at COM on a date to be announced. Be sure to go to the first class; otherwise, you will be dropped from the course.

Advising

Students should plan to attend all CGS and COM informational meetings when announced for CGS students and should meet with their CGS advisor and an advisor in COM Student Services as necessary to gain an understanding of requirements and policies within the College. To make an appointment at COM, call 617-353-3471.

Departments & Majors

When continuing into COM, students choose a department and a major from the following:

Film & Television (F&T)

- Television
- Film

Journalism (JO)

- News Editorial
- Magazine
- Photojournalism
- Broadcast journalism

Mass Communication, Advertising, Public Relations (MCAPR)

- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Communication Studies

Please review the COM catalog for information on your major before you make an appointment with an advisor.

Internships

Internship credit is awarded only as a COM junior or senior (depending on your department) with a 3.0 GPA in the COM major. Students are encouraged to participate in work experiences at any time. The COM Student Services Office can assist in directing students to the appropriate department.

Minors

Minors are available in CAS, CFA (Visual Arts / Theatre Arts only), and SMG

Study Abroad

Students considering continuation to COM and study abroad options must carefully read the COM Study Abroad Fact Sheet (attached).

Then they should make an appointment with a COM Academic Counselor early in their academic career (freshman or first-semester sophomore year). To make an appointment, call 617-353-3471.

[View](#) a COM Study Abroad Fact Sheet below (effective Fall 2007).

Introductory Courses for COM Majors

- Journalism – JO357
- Photojournalism – JO305 or JO357
- Film & Television – FT303 or FT353 or FT360
- Advertising – CM317
- Public Relations – CM301
- Communication Studies – CM321 or CM311 or CM481

COM Study Abroad

ALL students must meet the following criteria in order to apply to ANY Study Abroad program:

- Must have completed the introductory course (listed below) in your COM major AND
- Must be enrolled in or have completed a writing course in your COM major (CM331, FT310, JO307).
- CGS and IUT transfer students must be in COM one (1) full semester before participating in abroad programs.
- Students transferring into COM from outside of BU must be in COM one (1) full year before participating in any abroad program.
- Students must meet with a COM Student Services advisor to review and approve courses PRIOR to the student participating in the program. Faculty advisors cannot sign off on the application.
- BUCOP students CANNOT participate in ANY study abroad until they have completed ONE (1) full semester as a COM student.

COM Internship Based Study Abroad Programs

Students who meet all requirements listed above may apply to participate in an internship based abroad program as early as the summer semester prior to their junior year. Students must also meet all of the criteria listed above in order to apply for this program.

- Students must have at least a 2.3 overall GPA and a 3.0 in COM to participate in an internship study about program.
- Students must be in good standing.

Non-COM BU Study Abroad or Non-BU Programs

This includes liberal arts or language based programs. Students must have at least rising junior status to participate in any abroad program and must have fulfilled all of the criteria listed above.

- Students must be in good standing and have at least a 2.3 overall GPA AND a 2.3 COM GPA.
- Students may not take any COM related courses to fulfill COM requirements while on a non-BU study abroad program – thus all course work will be counted as electives or will fulfill liberal arts requirements.
- Students must earn a C or higher in courses in order for them to be transferred.
- Students cannot receive credit for an internship on a non-BU abroad program.
- All courses need to be pre-approved by COM Student Services and International Programs. If a student does not get pre-approval, these courses will not count toward graduation requirements.

(Please turn over.)

How do I apply?

The application is available on-line at www.bu.edu/abroad.

Applications are due by mid-October for Spring semester programs, and in March for Summer and Fall semester programs. Please check with International Programs for the exact dates. Non-BU programs will require additional forms that must be obtained from the school offering the program as well as from International Programs.

Approval of Student Participation Form

COM students **must** gain approval from a Student Services advisor as part of the application process. A full academic advising appointment is required for study abroad approval. Students must obtain a signature from one of the academic counselors in COM Student Services (COM rm. 123). **Faculty advisors are not authorized to sign the approval form.**

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: All references to GPAs are as of the time your application is signed by our advisors. Students must be in continued good standing in order to participate in ANY Study Abroad Program. If a student falls out of good standing (e.g. on probation, etc.), COM will revoke the abroad approval. All students must meet International Programs' requirements as well as COM's requirements in order to study abroad. **THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.**

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COM Writing Courses

Journalism – JO307

Film & Television – FT310 or FT310

Mass Comm/Advertising/Public Relations – CM331