Registration for COM Rising Sophomores, Fall 2018

*REGISTRATION FOR RISING SOPHOMORES IS APRIL 22, 2018*

If you have a question or would like to make an appointment, call Undergraduate Affairs at 617-353-3471 or email at comugrad@bu.edu.

-Most COM sophomores should be taking one COM course and three CAS courses, to satisfy early major requirements as well as fulfilling the remainder of the COM foundation requirements.

+++For students majoring in Journalism or Mass Communication, Advertising, and Public Relations, you should have taken: *COM CO201* This course is designed as the next course in sequence for most COM students, as a follow-up writing course to COM CO101. CO201 has a pre-req of CAS WR100/CAS WR120.

+++For students majoring in Film and Television, you should have taken: *COM FT201* This course is designed as the first course in sequence for Film/TV majors, introducing beginning techniques, styles, and methods of media production.

If you have not taken CASWR100 yet, and have now completed CASWR098, you should register for CASWR120

*If you have not taken CO201 (and meet the CASWR100/CASWR 120 pre-req) or FT201 yet, please plan to register for it.

If you have taken CO201 or FT201, you should take at least one course in your desired major. These courses are as follows:

**Mass Communication, Advertising, and Public Relations**

Communication Studies: CM211 (formerly CM311), CM321, or CM331  
Advertising: CM217 (formerly CM317) or CM331  
Public Relations: CM215 (formerly CM301) or CM331

**Journalism**

JO200 (pre-req of CO 201) (formerly JO250), JO205 (formerly JO303), or JO150 (formerly JO357)

**Film and Television**

FT 353 (pre-req FT201), FT250, FT303, or FT310. Film and Television students planning on going deeper in the film production sequence are encouraged to take FT353 if they’ve already taken FT201.

*Please note that certain courses are required as pre-requisites to apply to study abroad. You can review those courses on our Study Abroad Fact Sheet at [http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/](http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/).

-Second COM Class: Sophomores are only able to register for up to 6.0 credits of COM classes online on Sunday, April 22. This is to ensure that every student gets a chance to register for at least one COM course. Sophomores will then be able to register online for a second COM class (up to a total 10.0 credits of COM classes) on Monday, April 23rd (at 12:01 a.m. when the 22nd becomes the 23rd). Be sure to register Sunday at your assigned registration time for four academic courses, and then drop the extra course when you are able to register at midnight for your other COM course.

Please refer to the COM Foundation sheet when selecting liberal arts courses and the equivalent choices listed on the curriculum guide. The foundation requirements are listed at [http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/](http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/).

Reminder: KHC students are encouraged to meet with a KHC advisor as well as an advisor in COM Undergraduate Affairs prior to Spring registration. CIMS students should speak with Prof. John Hall as well as an advisor in COM Undergraduate Affairs prior to Spring registration.

Administrative Notes:

I. In order to be granted summer credit approval for courses outside of BU please fill out a Transfer Credit Approval form [in advance](#) of registering for the class. Some courses have already been approved and do not need further evaluation. You can see the expanding list of courses at [this link](#).

II. Be advised that one credit and ROTC or PDP courses do NOT count toward graduation. If you have any general questions regarding credits please check in advance with Undergraduate Affairs.

Advising Notes:

I. COM students officially declare their COM majors and CAS focus during second-semester of sophomore year.

II. Minors are optional for COM. A consideration for declaring a minor is whether required courses will also count for COM requirements. Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin website ([www.bu.edu/academics](http://www.bu.edu/academics)) regarding minor requirements or speak with an Academic Advisor.

III. One-credit internships are available to freshmen and sophomores or to students who do not otherwise qualify for a two or four credit academic internship. One credit internships do not count toward graduation.
The CAS Focus: All students in the College of Communication must also complete a three-course sequence known as the CAS focus. This liberal arts requirement is in addition to the COM foundation requirements, and courses taken toward the CAS focus cannot also count toward COM foundation requirements. The courses for the CAS focus typically must be at the 300-level, or higher, in one department at CAS. There are some exceptions to this, which are explained on the CAS Focus Information sheet on the website. (The CAS Focus is not required of students in the BA program in Cinema & Media Studies.)

Electives: Please note that students need 128 total credits to finish a Bachelor of Science degree. Completion of the foundation requirements, as well as the major-specific requirements, will usually not amount to 128 total credits. Students will therefore have electives to take to reach the minimum credit requirement. Electives can be fulfilled using any academic coursework, including other courses in COM. Students often choose to complete electives by declaring minors (mostly in CAS, but also in COM, SHA, CFA, Questrom, and any other college at BU), by going to abroad programs, etc.

Internships: COM rising sophomores are not eligible to receive academic credit for internships. Instead, students can register for the 1-credit internship, a program offered through COM Undergraduate Affairs. More information can be found at http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/.

Studying Abroad: Students are allowed to apply to an internship-based abroad program once they have achieved junior status. Specific GPA and pre-requisite course requirements are also needed. Those can be reviewed on our Study Abroad Fact Sheets, located at http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/. Students are encouraged to speak with COM Undergraduate Affairs to discuss academic implications of studying abroad, and also to inquire about specific abroad programs with their faculty advisor. However, please note that all study abroad approval paperwork must be signed at COM Undergraduate Affairs.

Overloading: COM sophomores and juniors can overload up to 20 credits if they have a 3.0 overall GPA or higher, and can do so without extra charge if they have a 3.3 or higher. COM seniors, however, can overload up to 20 credits at no extra charge regardless of GPA.

Courses marked as “permission required” mean that you need to be a COM student to register for them at your assigned time, so unless there are flags or you do not meet the pre-requisites, you do not need permission to plan and register for any COM classes at your assigned time.

Please be aware that COM students are allowed to double major, or declare a minor, within COM. Students cannot minor of double major within the same department. For example: Communication students can declare a double major or a minor with either Film & Television or Journalism. However, Communication students cannot declare a minor within Communication. For more information, please contact Undergraduate Affairs at comugrad@bu.edu.

WEB-REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS AND ONLINE SERVICES:

All COM students register for courses via WebRegistration on the StudentLink. You will need your BU email address and Kerberos password to utilize this. Full instructions on how to register on the Link are available at http://www.bu.edu/reg/registration/academic-student-link/. Remember that all BU students must be compliant to register. Compliance rules are explained at http://www.bu.edu/reg/general-information/compliance/.

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Start-Times for Fall 2018 Registration:

Registration for sophomores is on April 22, 2018. Registration start times for that day are available at http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/registration/. COM students no longer need an Academic Advising Code to register. After registering for up to 10 COM credits over WebReg, you will be restricted from registering for any more COM courses over the Web until Thursday, April 26. On that date, additional COM courses with open seats will be available to you via the BU Student Link for a maximum of 14 COM credits.

COM Undergraduate Affairs is located at room 123 in the College of Communication. Contact us at 617-353-3471 or at comugrad@bu.edu