

Registration for COM Rising Sophomores, Fall 2017

REGISTRATION FOR RISING SOPHOMORES IS APRIL 23, 2017

If you have a question or would like to make an appointment, call Undergraduate Affairs at 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.

+++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 CO201 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

Mass Communication: CM311, CM321, or CM331

Advertising: CM317 or CM331

Public Relations: CM301 or CM331

Journalism

JO250, JO303, or JO357

Film and Television

FT250, FT303, or FT310

*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/>.

-**Second COM Class:** Sophomores are only able to register for up to 6.0 credits of COM classes online on Sunday, April 23. 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 24th (at 12:01 a.m. when the 23rd becomes the 24th). Be sure to register normally 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 liberal arts requirement sheet when selecting liberal arts courses and the equivalent choices listed on the distribution guide. The foundation requirements are listed at <http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/>. It is possible that courses that are not on the approved liberal arts requirement list count for requirements. You may petition a course for review; however, petitioning for approval does not guarantee course acceptance.

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. Roy Grundmann 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 OTP or PDP courses do NOT count toward graduation. If you have any general questions regarding credits please check in advance with Undergraduate Affairs.
- III. If you plan to study abroad at the beginning of your junior year, you must have completed either the introductory course or the major COM writing course AND be enrolled or have completed the other (introductory course or major course – both are listed at the bottom of the Study Abroad Fact Sheet, by program) by the time you apply to participate in any Study Abroad program. There are GPA requirements as well. Please consult the Study Abroad Fact Sheet at Undergraduate Affairs to know which courses are the designated courses for your intended major.

Advising Notes:

- I. COM students officially declare their COM majors and CAS foci 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) 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.

**To make an appointment with an Academic Advisor please call the Undergraduate Affairs Office at 353-3471. All informational sheets referred to above are available at the Undergraduate Affairs Office or online at <http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/registration/>.

***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 prime exception is that any COM student who has officially declared a minor in CAS can use lower-level (100 or 200 level) courses toward the CAS focus, provided they will not count toward COM foundation requirements. (This requirement does not apply to 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 COM foundation requirements, as well as the major-specific requirements, will 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, by declaring a Dual Degree program, 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 abroad program once they have achieved rising junior status. Specific GPA and pre-requisite course requirements are also needed. Those can be reviewed on our Study Abroad Fact Sheet, 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 rising sophomores can overload up to 20 credits if they have a 3.0 overall GPA or higher, and can do so without an extra charge if they have a 3.3 or higher. The required form to apply for this can be found at Undergraduate Affairs.

*Please be aware that COM students are allowed to double major, or declare a minor, within COM. Student in one major can declare a double major or a minor within either of the other majors. However, cannot declare a minor within their own major. For more information, please contact Undergraduate Affairs at comugrad@bu.edu.

Courses marked as “permission required” just 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.

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/>.

Start-Times for Fall 2017 Registration:

***Registration for sophomores is on April 23, 2017.** 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 would be restricted from registering for any more COM courses over the Web. However, you could possibly register for more COM credits as of April 24, by coming to COM and registering in person. Courses with open seats would be available to you. You would go to the department offering the course in order to register.

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