Student's Name: ____________________________  BU ID: ____________________________

(Please print your full name clearly)

I, _____________________________________________ understand that I must successfully complete 12 academic semester hours and maintain a GPI (semester grade point index) and GPA (overall grade point average) of a 2.0 or higher in order to remain in good academic standing at the College of Communication.

**Good Standing**

All students must receive a C or higher in COM CO 101 in order to continue on in the College of Communication.

If a student earns a minimum of 12 academic credits and has a 2.0 or higher GPA and GPI at the conclusion of each semester, 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 semester or spring semester 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 semester. Grade changes after Dean’s List has been assigned for the semester do not apply toward Dean’s List.

**Probation and Suspension**

If at any time a student fails to complete a minimum of 12 academic credits or falls below a 2.0 GPA and/or GPI they must understand that they will fall into one of the categories listed below:

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

If after the first semester of Academic Probation a student fails to complete 12 academic semester hours, 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 a second semester of Academic Probation. Students can be on Academic Probation for no more than two consecutive semesters.

Any student who, after the suspension, shows no improvement, or shows no signs of increasing their GPI or GPA, student will be permanently dismissed from the University.

**Study Abroad and Internships**

Only students that are in good academic standing, and have a minimum of junior class standing will be allowed to study abroad in a COM internship-based study abroad program. 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-based study abroad program, or a non-COM-internship-based study abroad program may participate if the student has a 2.0 or higher overall GPA and a 2.0 or higher COM GPA. Students typically need to have a minimum of junior class standing with the exception of students planning to participate in summer programs.

See the Study Abroad Fact Sheets for more detailed information. Study Abroad and internship requirements are non-negotiable.

Students may participate in internships prior to their junior year to gain experience, but will not be allowed to receive academic credit toward graduation.

**BU/COM Requirements**

All students are required to complete all degree requirements and a minimum of 128 credits. Transfer, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses may change the number of credits needed. PDP and/or one-credit classes do not count toward graduation. Audited (AU) courses do not count toward graduation. If DDP (Dual Degree Program) or a minor is declared the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools. DDP students must complete a minimum of 144 credits.

Graduation

At the conclusion of their chosen programs, all College of Communication students must have a 2.0 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 4 courses (16 credits) with a D grade may count toward graduation. DDP students must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0.

By signing below I acknowledge that I understand and agree to adhere to this Academic Contract.

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Student's Signature  Date

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