

COM / Undergraduate Student Academic Contract

Good Standing

All students must receive a C or higher in COM CO 101 in order to continue on in 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 IUT to COM. Only 4 credits of COM CO 101 can count toward the credit total required for graduation.

If a student earns a minimum of 12 academic credits (a full-time course load) 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. Typically, 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.**

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 credits. Transfer, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses may change the number of credits needed. If DDP (Dual Degree Program) or a minor is declared the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools. DDP students must complete additional credits and meet a higher GPA threshold as outlined by the University-wide DDP policy.

Effective fall 2021, COM will allow undergraduate students to complete a maximum of 4 credits of one-credit and half-credit Boston University courses that can count toward the credit total required for graduation. No OPT credits 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-credit and half-credit courses completed during a previous BU semester.

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 credits 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.