

## Academic Contract -- College of Communication

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ BU ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your full name clearly)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that I must maintain a GPI (semester grade point index) of 2.3 or higher in order to remain a student in good academic standing at the College of Communication.

### Good Standing

If a student has a 2.3 or higher at the conclusion of each semester, the student will be considered a student "in good academic standing."

If a student has a 3.5 or higher for two consecutive semesters of an academic year, that student will be awarded the distinction of being placed on the **Dean's List** for that year. In order to qualify, a student must have completed 16 credits or more each semester (at least four, four credit courses) without any missing or incomplete grades.

### Probation and Suspension

If at any time a student falls below a 2.3 they must understand that they will fall into one of the categories listed below:

If after one semester a student has lower than a 2.3 GPI they will be placed on **Academic Probation**.

If after two consecutive semesters a student has lower than a 2.3 GPI they will be placed on **Academic Suspension** in one of the categories:

- \* if a student shows a pattern of a low GPI, the student will be suspended for one year.
- \* if a student does not show a pattern of a low GPI, the Assistant Dean may suspend the student for one semester or one year.

In either instance, the student would have to petition the Assistant Dean for reinstatement.

Any student who, if after the suspension, shows no improvement, or shows no signs of increasing their GPI or GPA, the Assistant Dean may suspend the student indefinitely (**expulsion**).

At the end of the freshmen year, if a COM student has a 1.5 GPA, or lower, they will be **expelled** and not allowed to return to Boston University.

### Study Abroad and Internships

Only students that have a 3.0 or higher COM GPA, are in good standing and have junior class standing will be allowed to study abroad and/or participate in internship programs for academic credit. Other course requirements need to be met as well.

Students wishing to participate on a non-BU study abroad or non-COM abroad (non-internship programs) may participate if the student has a 2.3 or higher overall BU GPA and a 2.3 or higher overall COM GPA. Students must have junior standing.

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

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

### BU/COM Requirements

**All students are required to complete a minimum of 32 courses/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. All students must complete freshmen/sophomore requirements, major department requirements and a CAS concentration. If BUCOP or a minor is declared the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools. A student may not receive more than 16 credits of D grades.

### 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 2.3 or higher.** All degree, college, and university requirements **must be fulfilled** in order to graduate.

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

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Yellow copy – student