

COM Undergraduate Student Academic Contract

Good Standing

All students must receive a C or higher in COM CO 101 to continue in the College of Communication (COM), Intra University Transfer (IUT) to COM, or declare the Dual Degree Program with COM. 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 remain as a COM major or declare a COM major. Only 4 units of COM CO 101 can count toward the unit total required for graduation. Transfer credit from outside colleges and universities or other substitutions for COM CO 101 are not allowed.

At the conclusion of each academic term, if a student earns a minimum of 12 academic units (a full-time course load), has a 2.0 or higher overall GPA, and earns a term GPA of a 2.0 or higher, the student will be considered in good academic standing.

COM students must achieve a 3.80 or higher term GPA during a fall term or spring term 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 term. Grade changes after Dean's List has been assigned for the term do not apply toward Dean's List.

Probation and Suspension

Following any term, if a student fails to earn a minimum of 12 academic units (a full-time course load), fails to have a 2.0 or higher overall GPA, or fails to earn a term GPA of a 2.0 or higher, they will fall into one of the categories listed below:

After one term, they will be placed on **Academic Probation**.

If, after the first term of Academic Probation, a student fails to return to good academic standing, their academic record will be reviewed by COM. Students may be moved to **Academic Suspension, Dismissal, or, in limited cases, continued for a second term of Academic Probation. Typically, students can be on Academic Probation for no more than two consecutive terms.**

Any student who, after a suspension, shows limited or no academic improvement upon their return, that student will be permanently dismissed from the University.

Internships and Study Abroad

Each COM undergraduate major has specific pre-requisites to earn 2 or 4 units for a COM internship course. Please refer to your Faculty Internship Professor for more information on those pre-requisites as they vary by COM major.

Students who plan to participate in a Boston University Study Abroad program that offers a COM internship must meet all pre-requisites for the internship course offered at the program site.

First-year students cannot study abroad. External to BU transfer students cannot apply to any study abroad program until after they have a Boston University GPA on record. Please review COM's Study Abroad Fact Sheets for more information. Study Abroad and internship requirements are non-negotiable.

All COM students must complete at least one 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 units. Transfer, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses may change the number of units needed to be completed at Boston University. If the DDP (Dual Degree Program) or a minor is declared, the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools. DDP students must complete additional units and requirements as outlined by the University-wide DDP policy.

COM allows undergraduate students to complete a maximum of 4 units of one-unit and half-unit Boston University courses that can count toward the unit total required for graduation. No OPT units can count toward graduation.

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** to graduate. No more than 16 units of D grades may count toward graduation. DDP students must meet all graduation requirements for both schools and satisfy all requirements outlined in the Boston University DDP policy.