Bachelor of Professional Arts – Communication Studies Major

Four Year (120 credits)

**PLEASE READ AND REVIEW: 2025/2026** [**Program Requirements**](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) **-** Effective September 1, 2025

This program plan will assist you in planning your program. You must follow the official program requirements for the calendar year in which you are enrolled. Please contact Advising Services ([advising@athabascau.ca](mailto:advising@athabascau.ca)) for program planning assistance. Students can use the [course availability](https://tux.athabascau.ca/oros/servlet/DispatcherServlet?action=courseAvailability) list to assist with planning courses.

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| **Course Level Legend** JUNIOR / JR - 200 numbered course SENIOR / SR - 300 or 400 numbered course PREPARATORY - 100 numbered course | **Course Progress Legend** TR - Transfer Credit Awarded C - Completed AU Course IP - In Progress AU Course |

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| **LEVEL** | **TOTAL CREDITS** | **COURSE** | **REQUIREMENT** | **COURSE  PROGRESS** | **COMMENTS** |
| Junior | 3 | [ENGL 255](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/engl/engl255.html) or  [PHIL 252](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil252.html) | [Common Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) – writing Skills course |  |  |
| Junior | 6 | [INST 203](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/inst/inst203.html) or  [INST 205](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/inst/inst205.html) | [Common Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) – Indigenous Cultural Competency course |  |  |
| Senior | 9 | [CMNS 455](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/cmns/cmns455.html) or [PHIL 333](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil333.html) or  [PHIL 334](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil334.html) or  [PHIL 335](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil335.html) or  [PHIL 337](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil337.html) or  [PHIL 371](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/phil/phil371.html) | [Common Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) – Professional Ethics course |  |  |
| Senior | 12 | [SOSC 366](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/sosc/sosc366.html) or  [ANTH 390](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/anth/anth390.html) | [Common Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) – Research Methods course |  |  |
| Junior | 15 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 18 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 21 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 24 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 27 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 30 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 33 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 36 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 39 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 42 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 45 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 48 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 51 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 54 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 57 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 60 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Junior | 63 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Senior | 66 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Senior | 69 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Senior | 72 |  | Transfer from diploma | TR |  |
| Senior | 75 | [CMNS301](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/cmns/cmns301.html) | [Required Major](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 78 | [CMNS302](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/cmns/cmns302.html) | [Required Major](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 81 | [CMNS401](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/cmns/cmns401.html) | [Required Major](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 84 | [ANTH362](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/anth/anth362.html) or [INST369](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/inst/inst369.html) | [Required Major](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Jr/Sr | 87 |  | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 90 |  | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 93 |  | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 96 | [CMNS 400 Level](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/communication-studies/) | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 99 | [CMNS 400 Level](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/communication-studies/) | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 102 | [CMNS 400 Level](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/communication-studies/) | [Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-professional-arts-communication-studies-major.html) |  |  |
| Jr/Sr | 105 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/)  \*\*Can be used for recommended [English Language Assessment (ELA)](https://mais.lms.athabascau.ca/course/view.php?id=3168) course, if required |
| Senior | 108 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/) |
| Senior | 111 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/) |
| Senior | 114 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/) |
| Senior | 117 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/) |
| Senior | 120 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all/) |

Notes:

* Program requires a minimum of 18 credits at the 400-level including at least 12 credits in Elective Major courses.
* Program allows a maximum of 12 credits at the Junior (200) level including 3 credits at the Preparatory (100) level (\*the preparatory/100 level course is permitted based on if the [BPA English Language Assessment](https://mais.lms.athabascau.ca/course/view.php?id=3168) suggests this).
* CMNS 401 may be used to count toward the requirement of a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level from Elective Major courses. It also counts towards the requirement of 18 credits at the 400 level overall.
* Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of the courses must take the other course. All students are strongly encouraged to complete their writing skills course(s) early in their programs.