

COM / Undergraduate Student Academic Contract

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."

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 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 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 2.0 or higher overall BU GPA and a 2.0 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 DDP (Dual Degree Program) or a minor is declared the student must complete all requirements for both colleges/schools.

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. A maximum of 4 courses (16 credits) with a D grade may count towards the degree.

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

Student's Signature

Date