



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS)	3	
Gen Ed: Social Science	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
Total hours	15-17	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 104	3	
COMS 252	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (VPA)	3	
Gen Ed	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments: COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS or VPA)	3	
Gen Ed: Interdisciplinary Studies	3	
COMS 302	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
COMS 303	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Minor Requirement	3	
Gen Ed	3	
Total hours	15-17	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
Gen Ed: Social Science	3	
COMS 304	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 403/455/481 or JOUR 480	3	• Apply for graduation (12/1 for May, 5/1 for August, or 7/1 for December)
COMS 407	1-3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16-18	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.