



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS)	3	
Gen Ed: Social Sciences	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: Social Science	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	
Gen Ed: Humanities (LAS or VPA)	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
COMS 305	3	
Total hours	15-17	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
Elective: COMS 200/300 Level	3	• COMS 252 is required for all COMS majors. It is recommended that this course be taken at NIU
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Gen Ed: Interdisciplinary Studies	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
Gen Ed	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
Gen Ed: Science	3-4	
COMS 400	3	
Elective: COMS 200/300 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

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

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 403/455/JOUR 480	3	* Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: COMS 300/400 Level	3-4	
Minor Requirement	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15-16	
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.