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|  | COMS 368-001<br>LEC (1996) | Tu 1:00PM - 4:40PM<br>Salazar Hall 1052 |
|  | COMS 499-002<br>SUP (1589) | TBA<br>Room TBA                         |

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# Choose Top Choice: “Academic Requirements”

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# Once you are in your Academic Requirement Report (ARR)

| Current Academic Objective |                              | 1 of 2                     |             |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                            |                              | Requirement (Catalog) Term |             |
| Career:                    | Undergraduate                |                            | Spring 2021 |
| Program:                   | Undergrad Extended Education |                            | Winter 2021 |
| Plan:                      | Winter Early Entrant - UGRD  |                            | Winter 2021 |
| <b>Graduation Status:</b>  | Not Applied                  |                            |             |

| Current Academic Summary     |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Last Term Registered:</b> | Fall 2022     |
| <b>Academic Standing:</b>    | Good Standing |
| <b>Overall GPA:</b>          | 3.932         |
| <b>Sonoma GPA:</b>           | 4.000         |







  

**General Information**

The Academic Requirements Report (ARR) lists and checks degree requirements. Plans (majors and/or minors) and Sub-Plans (concentrations, tracks, options, etc.) must be officially entered into a student's record via a Change of Major Form for requirements to display.

- [How to Read the Academic Requirements Report \(ARR\)](#)
- [Academic Requirements Report Update Form](#)
- [Apply to Graduate](#)

**WARNING:** In-progress courses (yellow diamond) will appear in all unit totals. Unit totals may double count in-progress repeated courses until grades are posted. Let your advisor know if you are repeating a course.

| Degree Audit Icons  |                           | Course Icons  |                        |
|---|---------------------------|---|------------------------|
|  | Requirement Met           |  | SSU Course Graded      |
|  | Met with In-Progress Work |  | SSU Course In-Progress |
|  | Planned                   |  | Planned                |



Collapse All

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## ▼ ACTIVE COURSES




Includes ungraded courses and courses with temporary grades (I, RP, RD, etc.).  
[Definition of Grade Symbols.](#) (RG1438)

### ▼ In-Progress and Ungraded Courses

Graduating students, you will not be eligible to graduate until all courses have permanent grades and must postpone your graduation date if necessary (RQ671).

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

| Course   | Description                                  | Units | When      | Grade | Requirement Designation | Status |
|----------|--|-------|-----------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| BIOL 308 | <a href="#">Environmental Toxicology</a>     | 3.00  | Fall 2022 |       | GE Area B UD Science    | ◆      |
| COMS 368 | <a href="#">Newspaper Wrtnng/Edtng(STAR)</a> | 4.00  | Fall 2022 |       |                         | ◆      |
| COMS 499 | <a href="#">Media Internship</a>             | 2.00  | Fall 2022 |       |                         | ◆      |

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# Warning: ½ Units Don't Count

## ▼ GENERAL UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Overall GPA of 2.00 required for baccalaureate degree. Check "Current Academic Summary" at top of the report for overall GPA. (RG321-19)

A maximum of 70 semester (105 quarter) units earned at all community colleges may be transferred to SSU. Community College coursework completed above the 70 units may be used to meet GE and major preparation requirements even if the units will not count toward the baccalaureate degree. The units listed as Adjustments (if any indicated) are those in excess of the unit limit allowed towards the degree. For [more information on Transfer Credit](#) please consult your Transfer Credit Report.

## Overall Units Required for Baccalaureate Degree

Includes coursework in-progress (RQ73-19).

The 120 unit requirement cannot be waived. California Code of Regulations requires at least 120 semester units to earn your bachelors degree. Please review your unit totals carefully with an advisor during your final two semesters, especially if you have incomplete coursework or are repeating coursework to ensure this requirement is met.

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- Units: 120.00 required, 119.50 taken, 0.50 needed



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The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

| Course          | Description                                    | Units | When        | Grade | Requirement Designation        | Status |
|-----------------|--|-------|-------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|
| ELECT TR COURSE | <a href="#">Transfer Elect Credit - Course</a> | 3.00  | Spring 2021 | B     |                                | ←      |
| ELECT TR COURSE | <a href="#">Transfer Elect Credit - Course</a> | 1.50  | Spring 2021 | B     |                                | ←      |
| MATH 141        | <a href="#">Studies in . . .</a>               | 3.00  | Spring 2021 | B     | GE Area B4 Math/Quant Reason   | ←      |
| CALS 393        | <a href="#">Chicano/Latino Cinema</a>          | 3.00  | Summer 2022 | A     | GE Area C1 Arts, Cinema, Dance | ✓      |
| COMS 402        | <a href="#">Senior Seminar</a>                 | 4.00  | Summer 2022 | A     |                                | ✓      |
| COMS 499        | <a href="#">Media Internship</a>               | 2.00  | Summer 2022 | A     |                                | ✓      |
| BIOL 110        | <a href="#">Biological Inquiry</a>             | 4.00  | Spring 2022 | A     | GE Area B2 Biological Sciences | ✓      |
| COMS 210        | <a href="#">Web and Print Journalism</a>       | 4.00  | Spring 2022 | A     |                                | ✓      |
| COMS 301        | <a href="#">Media Theory and Research</a>      | 4.00  | Spring 2022 | A     |                                | ✓      |
| COMS 200        | <a href="#">Principles of Media Communicat</a> | 3.00  | Fall 2021   | A     | GE Area C1 Arts, Cinema, Dance | ←      |

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## Units Required at the Upper-Division Level

Complete 40 units (300-599) of upper-division coursework. Unit totals include coursework in-progress (RQ245-19).

- Units: 40.00 required, 40.00 taken, 0.00 needed

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- Units: 40.00 required, 40.00 taken, 0.00 needed

## Units Required In Residence

Complete 30 units in residence. 24 of the 30 units taken in residence must be at the upper-division level (300-599). Unit totals include coursework in-progress (RQ227-19)

- Units: 30.00 required, 30.00 taken, 0.00 needed

▶ LOWER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



▶ UPPER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



▶ SEAWOLF STUDIES GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



▶ COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR (BA) (RG275-16)



▶ UNASSIGNED COURSES (RG 2193)

# Have you completed your GE's, including the Critical Race Overlay & Science Lab?

- “\*” indicates Critical Race Classes
- “#” indicates Lab class

Grad Requirement:

- Take the WEPT or WIC Class.

# Complete 9 units UD GE in 3 areas: 3 units in area B, 3 units in area C; 3 units in area D

Complete 9 units of upper-division (courses numbered 300-499) general education coursework in consultation with a [advisor](#) (RG1059-19).

## Upper-Division GE Requirement

9 units of upper-division GE shall be taken in residence within the California State University system (RQ618-19).

- Units: 0.00 required, 9.00 taken, 0.00 needed

## Upper-Division Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning

3 units of upper-division coursework (300-499) in general education Area B - Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning.

- Units: 3.00 required, 3.00 taken, 0.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

| Course   | Description                              | Units | When      | Grade | Requirement Designation | Status |
|----------|--|-------|-----------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| BIOL 308 | <a href="#">Environmental Toxicology</a> | 3.00  | Fall 2022 |       | GE Area B UD Science    |        |

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## Upper-Division Arts & Humanities

## Upper-Division Social Sciences



# UD GE in 3 areas

- Students can begin taking upper division GE once they have
  - (1) completed the golden 4 (A1, A2, A3, and B4);
  - (2) completed at least 45 units;
  - (3) completed all of the lower division GE in the section they are trying to take the upper division GE.
- Make sure you did not need the 2-semester Math or English (based on your placement tests) if you need either.

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To see future Fall/Spring enrollment, go to My Class Schedule under the "other academic" drop down.

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You have no outstanding charges at this time.

\*Important Student Fee Information

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14 Green Road

My Mailing Address  
1600 Green Road



# Search

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### Add Classes to Shopping Cart

Use the Shopping Cart to temporarily save classes until it is time to enroll for this term.

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# To Find Specific Kinds of GE Classes

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Select at least 2 search criteria. Select Search to view your search results.

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Class Nbr  ?

Course Career

Show Open Classes Only

▼ Additional Search Criteria

Course Keyword  ?

Course Attribute

Course Attribute Value

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# Choose Course Attribute AND Course Attribute Value

Institution

Term

Select at least 2 search criteria. Select Search to view your search results.

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Course Number

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- [Communication Studies Program Requirements, Catalog Year 2020-2021](#)
- [ARR Update Form](#)

## COMMUNICATION STUDIES CORE REQUIREMENTS (RQ157-19)

- ▶ **COMS 200 - Principles of Media Communication**
- ▶ **COMS 202 - Methods of Media Criticism**
- ▶ **COMS 301 - Media Theory and Research**
- ▶ **COMS 302 - Media Ethics and Law**
- ▶ **COMS 402 - Senior Seminar**
- ▶ **COMS 499 - Media Internship (4 units)**
- ▶ **Skill Courses (4 units)**
- ▶ **Media Outlets (8 Units)**

## COMS MAJOR ELECTIVES (RQ 242-16)

Any communications course not already applied to the major may count toward elective credit including 4 units of COMS 160A/B, COMS 162A/B, or an additional Skills or Media Outlet Course.

- ▶ **COMS MAJOR ELECTIVES (8 UNITS)**

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## BA in Communication and Media Studies Program



# You need 42-44 units (we have 4 unit classes)

## **Program Requirements (44 units):**

- Major Core (24): All students complete 24 units of required coursework.
- Major Skill (4): All students complete 4 units of skill coursework
- Major Outlet (8): All students complete 8 units of media outlet coursework.
- Major Electives (8): All students complete 8 units of COMS elective courses.

## **Core Courses (24 units required)**

- COMS 200 Principles of Media Communication or COMS 160 A/B Media & Society [also A3/C3 GE]
- COMS 202 Methods of Media Criticism or COMS 162 A/B Media Literacy [also A3/C3 GE]
- COMS 301 Media Theory and Research
- COMS 302 Media Ethics and Law
- COMS 402 Senior Seminar
- COMS 499 Media Internship

## **Skills Courses (4 units required—additional units can be used for COMS Elective credit)**

- COMS 201 Video Production
- COMS 210 Web and Print Journalism
- COMS 240 Public Relations
- COMS 265 Radio and Audio Production
- COMS 320 Selected Topics
- COMS 322 Broadcast Journalism
- COMS 323 Health, Science, and Environmental Journalism
- COMS 324 Scriptwriting for TV
- COMS 325 New Media
- COMS 326 Advanced Presentation Techniques

## **Media Outlets (8 units required—additional units can be used for COMS Elective credit)**

- COMS 340 PR Firm
- COMS 368 The Star
- COMS 369 Studio Blue
- COMS 385 KSUN

## **Electives\* (8 units required)**

# “Core” Required Classes

- 200—Principles (160A&B for Freshman)
- 202-Methods (Criticism) (162A&B For Freshman)
- 301-Theory/Research (pre-reqs 200 & 202)
- 302-Ethics & Law (pre-reqs 200 & 202)
- 402-Senior Seminar
- 499-Internships (Need 4 units—may break that up over different semesters)—Can’t register until term starts but attend orientations

# Outlets—2 Required—May (Should) Repeat See Coms Webpage

KSUN



Sonoma State University's official student-run radio and podcasting station - with audio content by students and for students. KSUN students learn how to produce live radio and pre-recorded podcasts that stream online at [KSUN.studio](http://KSUN.studio). They also run the station and oversee promotions, social media, programming, production, and operations, giving students real-world experience they can use when they enter their communications and content creation fields.

The Star

**SONOMA STATE** *STAR* ★

The STAR is a student-written and student-produced newspaper for the campus community. Student staff members turn in weekly story assignments, work with advertising clients, design pages, copy edit articles and much more!

## Student Media Outlets

Studio Blue

**SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDIO**  **BLUE**

Studio Blue formerly known as SSU TV productions include: Live Virtual News and Sports, Studio Blue Originals, Events, New Short Films, Music Spotlight and Coverage of On-Campus Events.

Primitivo



Primitivo Public Relations is a student-operated public relations firm. Their mission is to assist campus and community clients in fulfilling all of their communication needs using efficient and value-driven methods. Students get real-world experience in media relations, design, writing, web development, social media maintenance, event planning, research and running a business.



# Skill Classes Don't Meet Every Semester (Some 320's & Other Electives count)

- Pre-reqs to “outlets”
- 201 (Video)—369 (Studio Blue)
- 210 (Journalism)—368 (Star)
- 240 (PR)—340 (Primitivo)
- 265 (Radio/Audio/Podcasting)—385 (KSUN)
- (May take additional skill=Elective)
  
- Other electives (Digital, Envir. Coms, etc)

# Electives

- Plenty of Coms (some are GE)
- For Freshman Only (Freshman Learning Community Coms 160A&B)
- Coms 273
- Coms 275
- Coms 368
- Others outside Coms may count (see Coms list on web page)

# Summer/Winter Classes are an option

- \*May take 499 at JC UNLESS you need UD units (300-level & above)

# See your advisor regularly (enough time before reg. &/or grad form deadlines)—Check Holds

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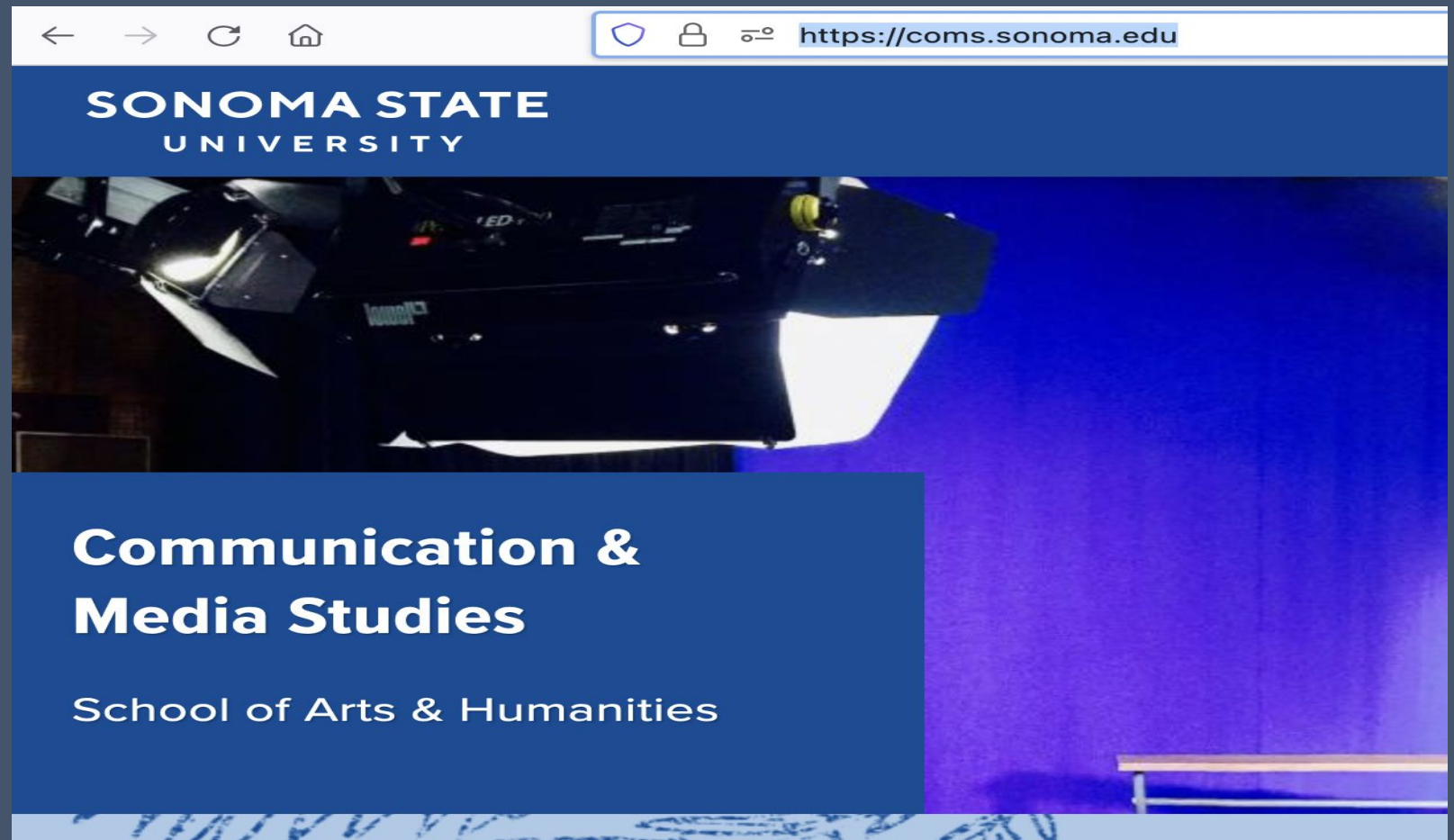


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# Get to know your major & community

- Questions? Ask Shelly Stephens (Coms Administrative Analyst)

- [Coms SSU Web Page](https://coms.sonoma.edu)



See you in classes soon!

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