

## Communication Studies Diploma Program Profile

To graduate with a Communication Studies Diploma, students must successfully complete 30 credits in Communications and 30 University Transfer credits. Certain Communication courses may only be offered in a specific term. (F) = Fall Term (S) = Spring Term

CORE CMNS COURSES	Course No.	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credits
<b>6 credits mandatory CMNS courses</b>	CMNS 112	Introduction to Communication Studies	None	3
	CMNS 132	Explorations in Mass Media	None	3
<b>Minimum one of</b>	CMNS 231	Cultural Industries in Canada (S)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	SOC 223	Media and Society <sup>1</sup>	SOC 100 or 101	3
<b>Minimum one of</b>	CMNS 209	History of Media (F-alternates with CMNS 253)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	CMNS 253	Society and New Media (F-alternates with CMNS 209)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
<b>Minimum two of</b>	CMNS 222	Decoding Media Strategies (S)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	CMNS 235	Understanding News (F – alternates with CMNS 236)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	CMNS 236	Understanding Television (F – alternates with CMNS 235)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
<b>Minimum two of</b> <b>Note:</b> Either CMNS 260 or CMNS 261 will be offered each Spring. CMNS 262 is offered only in the Fall term	CMNS 260	Applied Communication Research Methods (Q) <sup>2</sup> (S)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	CMNS 261	Interpreting Communication Documents (S)	CMNS 112 & 132	3
	CMNS 262	Qualitative Research Methods in Communications (F)	CMNS 112 & 132 + One 200 level CMNS Studies	3
<b>Communication Studies Electives</b>	CMNS 270	Visual Communication (S)	ENG 100 or CMNS 120	3
	CMNS 360	Strategic Communication (S)	CMNS 220 or 112 or 132	3
	CMNS 353	Communication Technology in the Workplace & Everyday Life	30 UT credits	3
	CMNS 370	Photography as Communication: Fact and Fiction	30 UT credits	3
		Any other 200-level CMNS Studies course from the above list not already taken		
<b>Total CMNS credits</b>				<b>30</b>
<b>ELECTIVES</b>  <b>27 Elective credits</b> <b>NB:</b> Students choose any 27 UT electives credits from the following three areas of study. If intending to continue to SFU, CMNS Studies students should consult with Advisors to review SFU requirements before finalizing elective choices	ENG 100	Academic Writing Strategies		3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9 credits in Humanities courses</b> - Art History, English, Foreign languages, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Studio or Performing Arts</li> </ul>		9
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>12 credits from Social Sciences</b> - Anthropology, Criminology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology (except SOC 223), Women's Studies; or Business or Commerce</li> </ul>		12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>6 credits from Science/Applied Science</b> <sup>3</sup> - Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Geography, Geology, Engineering, Math, Physics, Kinetics</li> </ul>		6
<b>Total elective credits</b>				<b>30</b>
<b>Total credits for Communication Studies Diploma</b>				<b>60</b>

**Note:** Students graduating from the Communication Studies Diploma *must* have completed *at least 3 credits* designated as “Q”

<sup>1</sup> Students electing to take SOC 223 instead of CMNS 231 as a program requirement must first meet the Sociology Department's prerequisite through their social science electives.

<sup>2</sup> CMNS 260 is one of Capilano's officially designated “Quantitative” courses.

<sup>3</sup> Students must check through the BC Transfer Guide at [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca) to ensure that selected Science/Applied Science courses transfer to SFU as a *science* elective.