

**FIRST SEMESTER BLUEPRINT  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION**

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required writing course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- **QuEST** (Qualities Essential for Student Transformation) courses are Messiah University's general education program completed by all students. Specific recommendations for your first semester are included on the blueprint.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#).
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

[Broadcasting and Journalism \(B.A.\)](#)

[Communication \(B.A.\)](#)

[Digital Media with Digital Video and Story concentration \(B.A.\)](#)

[Film and Media Arts \(B.A.\)](#)

[Public Relations \(B.A.\)](#)

**Broadcasting and Journalism (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following course:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
COMM 112**	Newswriting	3
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
<b>**There are seats reserved for your major in this course. See <a href="#">The View</a> for CRN (CRN required to register for COMM 112). Follow <a href="#">registration instructions</a> (page 6) to add courses to your schedule by CRN.</b>		
Students may <b>CONSIDER</b> registering for the following course:		
COMM 218	Mass Media and Society	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
European History or U.S. History*(QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)		3
Mathematical Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Math)		3 or 4
PHIL 101 (Problems in Philosophy)		3
Social Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)		3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>12-16 credits</b>
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**Communication (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following courses:		
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Students may <b>CONSIDER</b> registering for the following course:		
COMM 218	Mass Media and Society	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
European History or U.S. History* (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
Mathematical Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Math)	3 or 4
PHIL 101 (Problems in Philosophy)	3
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**Digital Media with Digital Video and Story Concentration (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 217	Introduction to Film	3
COMM 203*	Basic Video and Editing Techniques	3
<b>*There are seats reserved for your major in this course. See <a href="#">The View</a> for CRN (CRN required to register for COMM 203). Follow <a href="#">registration instructions</a> (page 6) to add courses to your schedule by CRN.</b>		
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:		
ART 182	Color and Composition <b>OR</b>	3
CIS 180	Intro. to Computer and Info. Science <b>OR</b>	3
CIS 181	Computer Programming I	3

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<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
PHIL 101 (Problems in Philosophy)	3
Social Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

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**Film and Media Arts (B.A.)**

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IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 203*	Basic Video and Editing Techniques	3
COMM 217	Introduction to Film	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
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**Public Relations (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:		
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar <b>OR</b>	1
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Students may <b>CONSIDER</b> registering for the following course:		
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