

**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 course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- 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](#).

If you have curricular questions, please email Department Co-Chair David Dixon ddixon@messiah.edu. Also please note that questions regarding financial aid, housing, or other non-department or non-curricular topics should be directed to your admissions counselor. Thank you!

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.

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

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Broadcasting and Journalism (B.A.)

Students MUST register for the following course:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
Students SHOULD register for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
COMM 112	Newswriting	3
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Students may CONSIDER registering for the following course:		
COMM 218	Mass Media and Society	3

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
History* (24GE: History)		3
ENGL 110* (24GE: Written Communication)		3
Mathematical Science* (24GE: Mathematics)		3 or 4
Philosophy/Religion* (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)		3
Social Science* (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)		3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits
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Communication (B.A.)

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

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
ENGL 110* (24GE: Written Communication)	3
History* (24GE: History)	3
Mathematical Science* (24GE: Mathematics)	3 or 4
Philosophy/Religion* (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
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Digital Media with Digital Video and Story Concentration (B.A.)

Students MUST 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
Students SHOULD register for ONE of the following courses:		
ART 182	Color and Composition OR	3
CIS 160	Intro. to CS & Cybersecurity	3
CIS 181	Computer Programming I	3

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
ENGL 110: Critical Reading & Writing	3
History** (24GE: History)	3
Language Course (24GE: Language; CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Philosophy/Religion** (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
Social Science** (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	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 SHOULD register for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
COMM 107	Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
History** (24GE: History)	3
ENGL 110: Critical Reading & Writing	3
Mathematical Science** (24GE:Mathematics)	3 or 4
Philosophy/Religion** (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)	3
Social Science** (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

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Public Relations (B.A.)

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

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
ENGL 110: Critical Reading & Writing		3
History* (24GE: History)		3
Mathematical Science* (24GE: Mathematics)		3 or 4
Philosophy/Religion* (24GE: Philosophy/Religion)		3
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