

LIFE SCIENCES COMMUNICATION, B.S.

THREE-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Three-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it –along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools – to make their own three-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests.

Three-year plans may vary considerably from student to student, depending on their individual preparation and circumstances. Students interested in graduating in three years should meet with an advisor as early as possible to discuss feasibility, appropriate course sequencing, post-graduation plans (careers, graduate school, etc.), and opportunities they might forgo in pursuit of a three-year graduation plan.

These three-year road maps below are designed to provide an example of how a student could complete their B.S. in Life Sciences Communication within three years. One plan assumes you are entering college with 29 credits from Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or college transfer courses, including fulfilling UW-Madison's Quantitative Reasoning A requirement through credit or placement scores. The other plan assumes you are entering without bringing in outside credits. Your specific program of study could, and probably will, look different. You should customize the road map to fit your unique path at UW-Madison. Consult with your advisor about the best path for you.

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN #1¹

First Year

Fall	CreditsSpring	CreditsSummer	Credits
LSC 100 (Comm A) ²	3 LSC 111 or 212 (Comm B)	3 Social Science Elective	3
CALS First Year Seminar	1 LSC 250	3	
Humanities Elective	3 CHEM 103, 108, or 109	4-5	
Electives ³	7 Ethnic Studies	3	
	14	13-14	3

Second Year

Fall	CreditsSpring	Credits
LSC 251	3 LSC Core	3
STAT 301, 371, or C&E SOC 360 ⁴	3-4 Biological Science Elective	3
LSC Core	3 Humanities Elective	3
Additional Science Elective	3 Electives	7
Electives	3	
	15-16	16

Third Year

Fall	CreditsSpring	Credits
LSC Concentration	3 LSC Capstone	3
CALS International Studies	3 LSC Concentration	3
Science Breadth Elective	3 Biological Science Elective	3
Electives	6 Electives	6
	15	15

Total Credits 91-93

Students must complete at least 120 total credits to be eligible for graduation.

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Plan #1 assumes that students are coming to UW-Madison with approximately 29 credits from AP/IB or college transfer credits and that the University Quantitative Reasoning A requirement is fulfilled through transfer credit or placement scores. Your plan may look different depending on the number of credits you bring in.

2

LSC 100 is not required for the major but is strongly encouraged for students who need to take a Communication A course.

3

Many LSC students use their elective coursework to take additional LSC courses, to add one or more certificates, to add a double major, or to take other coursework to work to achieve their academic and career goals.

4

LSC recommends STAT 301, STAT 371, or C&E SOC/SOC 360 to fulfill the university Quantitative Reasoning B requirement.

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN #2¹

First Year

Fall	CreditsSpring	CreditsSummer	Credits
LSC 100 ²	3 LSC 111 or 212 (Comm B)	3 LSC 251	3
MATH 112 or 114 ³	3-5 LSC 250	3 Electives	6
CALS First Year Seminar	1 CHEM 103, 108, or 109	4-5	
Humanities Elective	3 Ethnic Studies	3	
Electives ⁴	4 Elective	3	
	14-16	16-17	9

Second Year

Fall	CreditsSpring	CreditsSummer	Credits
STAT 301, 371, or C&E SOC 360 ⁵	3-4 Biological Science Elective	3 LSC Core	3
LSC Core	3 Social Sciences Elective	3 Science Breadth Elective	3
Additional Science Elective	3 Humanities Elective	3 Elective	3

Electives	7 Electives	7	
	16-17	16	9
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
LSC Concentration	3 LSC Capstone	3 LSC Concentration	3
CALS International Studies	3 Biological Science Elective	3 Electives	6
Electives	9-11 Electives	10	
	15-17	16	9
Total Credits 120-126			

Students must complete at least 120 total credits to be eligible for graduation.

1

Plan #2 assumes that you are coming to UW-Madison without credits from AP/IB or another college/university.

2

LSC 100 is not required for the major but is strongly encouraged for students who need to take a Comm A course.

3

LSC recommends MATH 112 or MATH 114 for students who need to complete the university Quantitative Reasoning A requirement.

4

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5

LSC strongly recommends STAT 301, STAT 371, or C&E SOC/SOC 360 to fulfill the university Quantitative Reasoning B requirement.