

**United States Armed Forces / Old Dominion University  
Military Pathway  
Catalog Year 2026–2029**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS OR SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION – STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM**

**Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom**

Military Course, Certification, Experience, or Exam	ODU Equivalent Course	Credits
<b>Lower-Division General Education Requirements</b>		
CLEP <sup>1 2 3</sup> College Composition (NOT Modular)	ENGL 110C English Composition	3
DSST Technical Writing	ENGL 231C Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
Select specialties	COMM 101R Public Speaking	3
CLEP College Mathematics, College Algebra, or Precalculus	MATH 101M, 102M, or 162M ( <b>BA only</b> )	3
DSST Principles of Statistics	STAT 130M Elementary Statistics ( <b>BS only</b> )	3
CLEP Foreign Languages or military linguist or DLIFLC grad	Language and Culture requirement <sup>4</sup> (CLEP for 201 & 202 may meet additional 6 credits for <b>BA only</b> )	6 (6)
CLEP Any Social Science exam except Educational Psych	Human Behavior requirement	3
CLEP Any History exam	Interpreting the Past requirement	3
CLEP American or Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	Literature requirement	3
CLEP Biology <sup>5</sup>	Nature of Science requirement	8
<b>Department or Major Requirements</b>		
Select specialties	COMM 200S Introduction to Human Communication	3
Select specialties	COMM 260 Understanding Media	3
Select specialties	COMM 272G Digital Literacy (meets Info Lit & Research req)	3
Select specialties	COMM 303 Introduction to Strategic Communications	3
Select specialties	COMM 323 Leadership and Events Management	3
Select specialties	COMM 351 Interpersonal Communication in Organizations	3
Select specialties	COMM 355 Organizational Communication	3
Select specialties serving in communication-related billets	COMM 368 Internship (requires department approval)	3
Current or previous E6-E9 or DSST Principles of Supervision	SEPS 302 Workforce Supervision Management (Option D)	3
Current or previous E7-E9 or CLEP Principles of Management	MGMT 325 Contemporary Organizations & Mgmt (Option D)	3
Current or previous E8-E9	MGMT 3ELE (Option D)	3
Current or previous E9	MGMT 410 Leadership in Organizations (Option D)	3
<b>Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom</b>		<b>65+</b>

<sup>1</sup> A passing CLEP or DSST examination score will satisfy the ODU requirement. See <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> and <https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/score-analysis/clep-dantes> for details.

<sup>2</sup> A student may forego the CLEP or DSST option and satisfy the requirements by taking the actual courses. If a course is taken elsewhere check first for transfer equivalency here <https://transfer2.odu.edu/equivalency/>.

<sup>3</sup> Modern States offers CLEP preparation here <https://modernstates.org/>.

<sup>4</sup> ODU's Language and Culture requirement can be satisfied by three years of a foreign language or two years of two foreign languages in high school. Students whose native language is not English are exempt from taking a foreign language for general education.

<sup>5</sup> Biology is the only CLEP exam that will satisfy all eight credit hours for ODU's Nature of Science requirement.

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**Requirements Met at ODU**

*A minimum of 30 credits must be taken at ODU and 120 credits total to earn degree*

<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Strategic Communication and Journalism Core, Foundations, and Applied Theories Requirements</b>		
COMM 280T	Entertainment Technologies (meets Impact of Technology requirement)	3
COMM 301	Critical Methodologies	3
COMM 302	Communication Research Methods I ( <b>BS only</b> )	3
COMM 335W or 445	Rhetorical Criticism or Communication Analysis and Criticism ( <b>BA only</b> )	3
COMM (W)	COMM writing intensive (W) course	3
COMM 308W	Effective Media Writing	3
COMM Foundations	Select either the Strategic Communication or Journalism & Public Info specialization courses from <a href="#">catalog</a>	12
COMM Applied Theories	Select three COMM applied theories courses from <a href="#">catalog</a> unless met elsewhere	9
COMM Elective	Select one COMM elective course from <a href="#">catalog</a> unless met elsewhere	3
Social Science 300/400	Social Science 300/400-level requirements ( <b>BS only</b> )	6
HC 1REQ	Human Creativity requirement (cannot be COMM or THEA 270A)	3
PL 1REQ	Philosophy and Ethics requirement	3
Upper-Division Gen Ed	300/400-level general elective requirements not met elsewhere	0-6
<b>Requirements Met at ODU</b>		<b>45+</b>
<b>Total Credits for Degree</b>		<b>120+</b>

1. Submit application at <https://www.odu.edu/apply/applications>. Order your official high school, college, and military transcripts to be sent to [admissions@odu.edu](mailto:admissions@odu.edu) (campus), [globaladmissions@odu.edu](mailto:globaladmissions@odu.edu) (ODUGlobal), or mailed to Old Dominion University, Undergraduate Admissions, 1004 Alfred B. Rollins Jr. Hall, Norfolk, Virginia 23529-0050.
2. Electronically sign your application and monitor your application portal for status updates until an admission decision is made.
3. Accept your admission offer, set up your ODU account/email, and complete orientation.
4. Meet with your advisor prior to registration and finalize your degree plan with your advisor based on this pathway.



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Dr. Tim Anderson  
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5/7/26

Dr. Laura Delbrugge  
Dean  
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Date