

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

BACHELOR OF ARTS OR SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION – COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom		
Military Course, Certification, Experience, or Exam	ODU Equivalent Course	Credits
Lower-Division General Education Requirements		
CLEP ^{1 2 3} 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 (BA only)	3
DSST Principles of Statistics	STAT 130M Elementary Statistics (BS only)	3
CLEP Foreign Languages or military linguist or DLIFLC grad	Language and Culture requirement ⁴ (CLEP for 201 & 202 may meet additional 6 credits for BA only)	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 ⁵	Nature of Science requirement	8
Department or Major Requirements		
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
Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom		74

¹ 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.

² 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/>.

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

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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

Short Title	Course Title	Credits
Communication Studies Core and Foundations Requirements		
COMM 280T or 372T	Entertainment Technologies or Intro to New Media Technologies (meets Impact of Technology requirement)	3
COMM 301	Critical Methodologies	3
COMM 302	Communication Research Methods I (BS only)	3
COMM 355W or 445	Rhetorical Criticism or Communication Analysis and Criticism (BA only)	3
COMM (W)	COMM writing intensive (W) course	3
COMM Foundations	Select nine COMM foundations courses from catalog unless met elsewhere	27
COMM Elective	Select one COMM elective course from catalog unless met elsewhere	3
Social Science 300/400	Social Science 300/400-level requirements (BS only)	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
Requirements Met at ODU		54+
Total Credits for Degree		120+

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 (campus), 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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Date



4/30/26

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