

**The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Communication
Type 1B Sports Communication Certificate (SPCOM1B-CR)**

School of Communication
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The certificate program provides a comprehensive education in sports communication by providing theories and knowledge about the role media plays in sports and society, and developing the skillset used in sports media relations to become an effective communication professional.

The Sports Communication Certificate Program requires the completion of at least four courses for 12 credits, including two foundational courses.

Students should apply to the certificate program after attaining sophomore status (30 earned credit hours) and 12 graded credit hours at Ohio State. There is an online application on the School of Communication’s website and admission requires a 2.5 cumulative OSU GPA.

A. Required Courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

1. COMM 3415: Sports, Mass Media and Society (3)

AND

2. COMM 3403: Sports Writing and Reporting (3)

-OR-

COMM 3414: Sports Media Relations (3)

B. Elective Courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

Choose any two of the following:

AFAMAST 2275: Blackness and the Politics of Sports (3)

COMM 2131: Business and Professional Speaking (3)

KNSISM 3208: The Sport Industry (3)

KNSISM 4245: Leadership and Programming in the Sport Industry (3)

PHILOS 2456: Philosophy of Sport (3)

PSYCH 2420: Psychology Applied to Sport (3)

SLAVIC 2365.xx: Sports, Socialists, and Society in Russia & Eastern Europe (3)

SOCIOL 4655: Sociology of Sport (3)

Note: To maximize flexibility, students may also petition to have one relevant course fulfill one of the elective requirements for the certificate program. At the determination of the School of Communication, the content of the course must meet at least two of the learning objectives for the SPC. The petition would be reviewed by the administering unit (School of Communication).

Sports Communication certificate guidelines:

Credit hours required: A minimum of 12.

Overlap with courses in degree:

- The certificate must be in a different subject than the major.
- Maximum 50% overlap with courses in a major, minor, other certificate, or General Education.

Grades required:

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the certificate.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all certificate course work.

X193 credits: Not permitted

Declaring the certificate

In order to declare the certificate, students must apply online at <https://comm.osu.edu/undergraduate/certificate-programs> and be accepted to the certificate program prior to the filing of the graduation application.

Approval of coursework

Approval of the certificate coursework.

Students who complete the certificate following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor and/or program administrator that the certificate appears complete on the Degree Audit Report. No approval from the School of Communication is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the certificate program:

To apply courses not listed on this sheet toward the Sports Communication certificate, the coursework must be approved by the School of Communication. Please email comm@osu.edu to request approval.

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