

**Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Arts in Rural Studies
Writing and Communication Track
Suggested Program of Study*
Academic Year: 2016-17**

First Year

Fall Semester	Hrs	Spring Semester	Hrs
Area A - ENGL 1101	3	Area A - ENGL 1102	3
Area A - MATH 1101 or higher	3	Area F – Elective ³	3
Area D - Lab Science ¹	4	Area D - Lab Science ¹	4
Area B – COMM 1100 OR COMM 1110	3	Area E - Social Science Elective (RELG 1100 Preferred)	3
Area E - POLS 1101	3	Area B – HUMN 1100	1
Physical Education Activity	1	Physical Education Activity	1
Total	17	Total	15

Second Year

Fall Semester	Hrs	Spring Semester	Hrs
Area C - ENGL 2114, 2115, OR 2116	3	Area F – Elective ³ (ENGL 2401 Preferred) ⁴	3
Area E - Social Science Elective	3	Area C - Fine Arts Elective	3
Area F – Elective ³ (COMM 2100 Preferred)	3	Area F – Elective ³ (COMM 2300 Preferred)	3
Area E - HIST 2112	3	Area F – Elective ³	3
Area F – Elective ³ (POLS 2401 Preferred)	3	Area D - Math or Science Elective (MATH 2000 Preferred)	3
PHED 1100	2		
Total	17	Total	15

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¹Area D – Science for a non-science major

²Area B – CISM 2201 and COMM 1100 required in Area B unless taken in Area F

³Area F – Select 6 courses from the following courses not taken in other areas of the core Curriculum: ARTS 2211, ARTS 2212, ARTS 2213, COMM 2100, COMM 2300, CSCI 1101, ENGL 2114, ENGL 2115, ENGL 2116, ENGL 2131, ENGL 2132, ENGL 2401, GEOG 1101, HIST 1111, HIST 1112, HIST 2201, HIST 2232, HIST 1111, HUMN 2221, HUMN 2222, MATH 2000 (strongly encouraged), MUSC 1100, POLS 2401 PSYC 1101, SOCI 1101, RELG 1100, THEA 1100

Area F – If completing the Bachelor of Arts, the student must take SPAN 1002, SPAN 2001 and SPAN 2002 in Area F.

Third Year

Fall Semester	Hrs	Spring Semester	Hrs
RLST 3000	3	Track Course	3
Track Course	3	Track Course	3
ENGL 4010	3	COMM 3100	3
Track Course	3	Track Course	3
Track Course	3	General Rural Studies Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Hrs	Spring Semester	Hrs
Track Course— Research Methods strongly encouraged	3	RLST 4790, 4791, OR 4792 internship must be completed before or during this final semester.***	3
Track Course	3	RLST 4980 Senior Project	3
Track Course	3	Track Course	3
General Rural Studies Elective	3	General Rural Studies Elective	3
General Rural Studies Elective	3	General Rural Studies Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15

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**Unless completed elsewhere in the curriculum

***Most students choose to complete their internships during the summer between the junior and senior year, preserving a lighter final semester to complete the Senior Project. Students have the option of completing 3, 6, or 9 hour internships. Academic credit for a single internship is based on the scope of work and complexity of the internship and the hours worked under supervision of the internship director. Most students complete RSLT 4790, 3 hrs. credit, to meet the graduation requirement. Students may complete up to 3 such internships, RSLT 4790 A, B, C. Students must work in tandem with their advisor and the internship supervisor to determine the scope of work to merit more than 3 credit hours for any internship. Students who complete more than 3 credit hours for an internship will reduce the hours in General Electives by the same number of hours devoted to internships. No student may receive credit for more than 9 hours of internship credit in a program.