

# COMMUNICATION WITH A 3+3 TRACK TO LAW (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a 3+3 Track in Law

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>)

Department: Communication (<http://commcourses.com/www/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): COMMBA\_3+3

## Program Information

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law have joined forces to create 3+3 Accelerated Law programs that allow eligible students in the College of Arts & Sciences to begin law school in their senior year of undergraduate study. Students substitute undergraduate major and elective requirements with the first 30 hours of law school, earning an undergraduate degree after their first year of law school and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree two years later. Students must have completed three years (6 semesters, fall & spring) of undergraduate course work post high school graduation, including transfer credit, prior to enrollment at Brandeis.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements <sup>1</sup>	38
	Law School Courses	30
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

## Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Communication requires:

1. Completion of COMM 201 with a minimum grade of C
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0
3. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 on courses in the major

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

## Admission to Law School

Admission to the 3+3 track does not guarantee admission to the law school. Students seeking admission to law school must complete a law

school application and satisfy all of Brandeis' admissions requirements, including its median GPA and LSAT expectations.

The law school requires that students seeking admission through the 3+3 program have completed three years of undergraduate course work, including transfer credit and credit earned in summer. It is recommended that students planning to pursue this track have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

For more information on Brandeis and its admissions requirements, please contact the Brandeis School of Law Office of Admissions (<https://louisville.edu/law/admissions/>). The office can also arrange for you to visit the law school and to sit in on a class.

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>*</sup>	

The following course is required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

COMM 201	Introduction to Communication Studies - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
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Some other courses approved as options for satisfying program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements.

<sup>\*</sup> All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

## College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences Requirements</b>		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
	Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>	12
	Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences <sup>2</sup>	6
	Natural Science	3
	WR - two approved courses at the 300 level or above <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>22</b>

## Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Department of Communication</b>		
COMM 201	Introduction to Communication Studies - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
COMM 303	Introduction to Communication Technologies	3
COMM 304	Argument In Everyday Life	3
COMM 305	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
COMM 315	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 316	Research Methods	3
	COMM Elective at 200 level or above	3
	COMM Electives at 300 level or above	9

COMM Electives at 400 level or above 3

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement) 3

Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:

COMM 402	Independent Research in Communication - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 417	Senior Communication Internship - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 427	Case Studies in Communication - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 430	Health Communication - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 436	Health Communication Campaign Planning - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 437	Mass Media and Close Relationships - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 445	Strategic Communication Campaigns - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 429	Documentary Production - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 464	Special Topics in Communication - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 465	Special Topics in Communication Service Learning - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 481	Senior Practicum - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 498	Senior Thesis - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 505	Perspectives on Religion and Media - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 506	Ethical Problems in Communication - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )

COMM 565 Special Topics in Communication Service Learning - CUE (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)

**Minimum Total Hours 36**

**Code Title Hours**

**Supporting Courses**

*Statistics/Quantitative Methods* 3

Select one of the following: <sup>5</sup>

BIOL 350	Biostatistics
BSTA 201	Business Statistics
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
COMM 255	Communication and Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
GEOG 256	Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Geography and Geosciences - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
HSS 377	Foundations of Quantitative Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
ISE 360	Probability and Statistics for Engineers
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
MATH 360	Statistical Data Analysis - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
PAS 408	Research Methods in Pan-African Studies - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
PHST 200	Reasoning with Data in Daily Life - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
PHST 301	Quantitative Methods in Public Health
POLS 390	Political Science Research Methods
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics
BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics

**Minimum Total Hours 3**

**Code Title Hours**

**Law School Courses**

LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3

LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language
- <sup>2</sup> In addition to courses counted toward General Education
- <sup>3</sup> May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- <sup>4</sup> Fulfills General Education requirement
- <sup>5</sup> Or another statistics elective approved by an advisor

Students must have a minimum of 50 hours at the 300 level or above and a minimum 121 hours total to graduate.

## Flight Plan

<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
COMM 201	Introduction to Communication Studies - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives AHP1		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 1		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
COMM 111 or COMM 112 or COMM 115	Introduction to Public Speaking - OC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) or Business and Professional Speaking - OC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) or Interpersonal Skills - OC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
COMM 255	Communication and Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
COMM 304	Argument In Everyday Life	3
Foreign Language 2		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM 305	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
COMM 303	Introduction to Communication Technologies	3
Foreign Language 3		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Perspectives - AHP2		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
COMM 315	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 316	Research Methods	3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or General Elective		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Communication Elective (300 level or above)*		3
Communication Elective (300 level or above)*		3
Humanities/Natural Sciences Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Communication Elective & WR (400 level or above)		3
Communication Elective CUE/WR (400 level or above)		3
Communication Elective (300 level or above)*		3
Humanities/Natural Sciences Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (if needed)		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

**\* Suggested courses: Political Communication, Leadership, Mass Communication Law, Rhetoric and Civic Life, Debate, Advanced Public Speaking**

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

### Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

### Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

### To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.

- a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
- b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
- c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)