

Telecommunication Studies  
Electronic Media **or** Sports Broadcasting Track  
Guide to Becoming a Major

*When students declare* an intent to major in Telecommunication Studies, they are assigned to the "Pre-Telecommunication" (Pre-TCom) advisement category. Upon completion of 15 semester hours while in the Pre-TCom category, **and** completion of English 1550, Tcom 1580 (1570), and TCOM 1581 with grades of B or A in all three, students are reassigned to "Telecommunication Studies" (TCom). Under no circumstances will grades of C or lower apply in satisfaction of this requirement.

**Explanation:** The purpose of the "Pre-TCom" category is to allow students to demonstrate that they can perform well academically while on the telecommunications path. A "Request to Transfer from Pre-Telecom to Telecom Studies" form is available online or in the Communication department office.

Students may transfer to the Pre-TCom, but not TCom, category from another program at YSU or from another institution. Students who have completed associate- or bachelor-level degrees also may enter the Pre-TCom, but not Tcom, category. Upon completion of 15 semester hours while in the Pre-TCom category, and completion of English 1550, Tcom 1580 (1570) and Tcom 1581 with grades of B or A in all three, students will be reassigned to TCom.

**Explanation:** The sole way for a student to become a Telecommunication Studies major is through the Pre-TCom category. Prior grade point average does not create an alternate path: having done well in another major or degree program is evidence that a student is capable of doing well in the Pre-TCom category.

A student who has interrupted his/her attendance at YSU for three consecutive semesters or more will be assigned to the Pre-TCom category upon his/her return. After consultation with a CCCS advisor and appropriate faculty, he/she might be reassigned to the Tcom category if curriculum continuity would be maintained.

To qualify for graduation, students must move from Pre-TCom to Telecommunication Studies (either Electronic Media **or** Sports Broadcasting track). "Pre-TCom" is not a degree-qualified baccalaureate major. Students unable to move from Pre-TCom to Telecommunication Studies because of a low GPA must enter a different academic major to qualify for graduation.