### Part I

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*Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.

### Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

**A. 1. Specific action requested:** (Example: To increase the number of credit hours for ABC 100 from 1 to 2.)

To change the number of hours required to graduate from 128 to 120 and exception to the General Education Requirement Block IC.

**A. 2. Effective date:** (Example: Fall 2001)

Fall 2009

**A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students:** (if applicable)

N/A

**B. The justification for this action:**

Reducing the total graduation credits from 128 to 120: Widespread discussions have occurred across Eastern Kentucky University’s campus regarding the need for students to be able to graduate with a basic undergraduate degree in 4 years by taking a full load (15 credits/semester). This action within the Communication Studies program would align us with many of our peers nationally who are seeking to achieve the same outcome. We are able to make this change while maintaining the integrity of our program. By eliminating redundancy (see the general education justification below), reducing free electives by only two credit hours, and maximizing the material in the major classes, students will be able to achieve this goal.

Exception to Gen Ed Block IC: General Education Block IC requires students to take either CMS 210 Public Speaking or CMS 100 Introduction to Communication. The material in both these classes is covered within the major course requirements in Communication Studies. Specially, Communication Studies majors are required to take CMS 210 Public Speaking as a major requirement. Also, CMS 100 Introduction to Communication is meant to be a hybrid skills course for non-majors. It was created for students who may never take another communication class while at EKU. CMS majors take full semester classes in all the units covered in CMS 100 (i.e., small group communication, interpersonal communication and public speaking). To require CMS majors to take Block IC would be repetitive of full-semester courses already required within the major.

**C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:**

**Personnel Impact:**

None

**Operating Expenses Impact:**

None

**Equipment/Physical Facility Needs:**

None

**Library Resources:**

None
Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program

1. For a new program, provide the catalog description as being proposed.
2. For a revised program, provide the current program requirements using *strikethrough* for deletions and *underlines* for additions.
3. For a suspended program, provide the current program requirements as shown in catalog. List any options and/or minors affected by the program’s suspension.

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**Communication Studies (B.A.)**  
*Cip Code 09.0101*

**University Requirement**

- BTO 100

**General Education Requirement**

- Standard General Education program *excluding block IC*. Refer to Section Four of this Catalog for details on General Education and University Requirements.

**College Requirement: Professional Skills Seminar**

- BTS 300 (CR) and BTS 400 (CR)

**Free Electives**

- 28-26 hrs

**Major Requirements**

- 54-48 hrs
  - CMS 200, 205, 210, 250, 300, 305, 310, 315 and/or 349 (3 hours), 320, 325, 350, 375, 406, 410, 420, 450, 480, 485, 495 and three hours from the following courses: CMS 353, CMS 400 or CMS 490 and nine hours from the following courses CMS 320, 353, 375, 400, 420, 450, 490 or PUB 385

**Total Curriculum Requirements**

- 128-120 hours