

West Chester University ~ Department of Communication & Media
Media and Culture Major Advisement Sheet

Student ID/Name: _____

Student Professional Focus: _____

Note: The purpose of meeting with your advisor is to receive guidance on your academic choices. Your advisor can help you to select courses that will serve your professional path. Your advisor can help you navigate the WCU and COM systems and point you toward resources. Your advisor cannot enroll you in classes. You should meet with your advisor at least two times per academic year – although more meetings will allow your advisor to set you up with better resources and contribute to you having your best WCU experience.

LAST REVISION: March 2022

- Only electives may be taken Pass/Fail
120 is the min number of credits required for graduation regardless of requirements completed
At least 30 of the last 60 credits must be earned at WCU (except for elective courses)

- Students who reach 90 credits are encouraged to apply for graduation – go to MyWCU and click on the "Apply for Graduation" link (application fees apply).

Date: _____

Current Credits: _____/120

General Education, Language, & MDC Core

(GenEd classes can be taken at any time during your academic year. Use this form to record your final grade & semester of completion.)

Academic Foundations:

FIRST YEAR EXP (FYE)
WRT 120 or 123
WRT 200 or higher
MAT
INTERDISCIPLINARY (I)
DIVERSITY (J)

(C or better is required in all MDC Core courses)
*MDC 250
*MDC 251
MDC 252
MDC 253
MDC 254
MDC 255

Language Courses: (C- or better required in 202)

101
102
201
202
OR
Culture Cluster Courses along with 101 and 102 (above), which must be in the same language, but with at least 2 prefixes (C- or better required in 102 and all culture cluster courses).

Additional Special Designation Courses:

WRITING EMPHASIS (W) (at least one "W" class must be a course at the 300-400 level; W classes do not transfer into WCU)

MDC252

SPEAKING (SE) (Three S courses are required;

ETHICS (ET)

Distributive Requirements:

Can take MDC308, 365, 370, 375 (SE) Can take MDC203 or 420 (ET)

NOTE: No "I" course may be used to fill a distributive requirement; the list below was accurate at the time of the form revision, but you must check the current catalog for the most accurate list.

HUMANITIES

- Select courses with two subject areas.
LIT100, LIT 165, LIT 219, LIT220, CLS165, CLS260, CLS261, HIS 100, HIS101, HIS102, HIS150, HIS151, HIS152, HIS 444, PHL 100, PHI101, PHI150, PHI180, PHI206, PHI207, PHI282

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Select courses with two subject areas.
ANT102, ANT103, PSY100, SOC200, SOC240, ECO101, ECO111, ECO112, ECO200, GEO101, GEO103, PSC100, PSC101, PSC213

SCIENCES

- Select courses with two subject areas.
BIO100, BIO110, CHE100, CHE103, CHE107, CHE160, CSC110, CSC115, CSC141, ESS101, ESS111, EES112, ESS130, ESS170, PHY123, PHY105, PHY130, PHY140, PHY170, PHY180

ARTS

- Select one course from the catalog list. (Can't be used for Culture Cluster requirements.)
ARH101, ARH104, ART106, ART111, ART228, ART231, DAN132, DAN133, DAN135, DAN136, DAN137, DAN150, FLM200, MHL121, MHL125, MHL210, MTC110, THA101, THA103

Media and Culture Major Courses & Applied Coursework (A grade of C or better is required in all major courses and at least 2.5 major GPA upon graduation. All upper level courses require MDC250 & MDC251(or ART113) with the exception of **MDC317 which requires **MDC250, MDC251(or ART113), and MDC217) *Note: Take MDC250 & MDC251 first, no need to take all 200 levels prior to taking upper levels. Complete three courses from the same concentrations, either Culture, Production, or Strategic Communication. Then complete an additional three courses, each one taken from any concentration.

CULTURE CONCENTRATION

- *MDC314, *MDC316, *MDC322, *MDC350, *MDC360, *MDC420 ET, *MDC422, *MDC470
PRODUCTION CONCENTRATION
*CSW131 *MDC203 ET, *MDC217, *MDC308 SE, **MDC317 *MDC320, HON320, *MDC365 SE

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATION

- *MDC311, *MDC321, *MDC323, *MDC325, *MDC355, *MDC370 SE, *MDC375 SE, MDC421, *MDC423, *MDC460

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

- MDC494 or MDC495
Prereqs: MDC250 & MDC251 plus 15 credits of MDC coursework & mininum GPA of 2.5 for MDC494.
Prereqs: MDC250 & MDC251 plus one upper level MDC course along with instructor consent required for MDC495

APPLIED AREA / ELECTIVES / MINOR

Use your remaining courses to 120 credits to complete a professional or developmental focus such as a minor (6 courses typically required for minors)

NOTE: MDC490, 491, 492 Special Topics and MDC493 Directed Studies can be taken more than once for credit when topics do not repeat