

**West Chester University
BA in Communication Studies
Advisement Sheet**

(Effective for students entering Fall 2014 & later.)

Indicate all the courses you have taken at WCU or transferred for credit. For completed courses, also list the grades. Mark an asterisk (*) beside courses you are currently taking.

Minimum grades for graduation:

- A grade of C or better is required in all major courses (COM and SPK). Also, an aggregate GPA of at least 2.5 must be earned across all courses counted toward the major.
- A grade of C or better is required in both WRT courses (120 and 200).
- A grade of C- or better is required in the 202 level of foreign language, or in the 102 level and all culture cluster courses.

I. COMMUNICATION CORE (39 cr.)

All majors complete 6 lower level core courses:

COM204 _____ SPK208 _____
 COM212 _____ COM219 _____
 COM216 _____ COM224 _____

Plus 7 upper level COM courses (above the 303 level but excluding COM400):

Course/Grade _____
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Prerequisites:

- SPK 208, COM 219 and COM 224 are prerequisites to all upper level COM courses.
- COM 204 is prerequisite to COM 440 & 445
- COM 212 is prerequisite to COM 455 & 460
- COM 216 is prerequisite to COM 304
- COM 217 is prerequisite to COM 317
- THA 103 is prerequisite to COM 320

Notes:

- COM 499 may be taken more than once as long as the topic is different.
- HON 350/400 level courses taught by COM faculty can count as upper level COM courses.

II. APPLIED AREA (18-24 cr.)

Courses to be selected in consultation with an advisor to meet career objectives. Minors in related areas are encouraged; minor courses may count toward the applied area.

Course/Grade _____
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 Course/Grade _____

III. LANGUAGE/CULTURE (3-15 cr.)

Option 1: Foreign language proficiency through the Intermediate II (202) level.

101 _____ 201 _____
 102 _____ 202 _____

Option 2: Foreign language proficiency through the Elementary II (102) level plus three culture cluster courses within the same language area.

101 _____, 102 _____, and
 Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Notes:

- Culture cluster courses must be selected from at least two different prefixes.
- The 201 level of a language may be used as one of the three culture cluster courses.
- Students may demonstrate foreign language proficiency through testing administered by the Dept. of Languages and Cultures

IV. GENERAL EDUCATION (48 cr.)

A. Academic Foundations (12-18 cr.)

SPK 208 _____ see COM core
 WRT 120 _____
 WRT 200 _____
 MAT xxx _____
 (J) Diverse communities _____
 (I) Interdisciplinary _____

Notes:

- SPK 208 must be used to satisfy both major and general education requirements.
- An advanced placement student who places into and passes WRT 200 or above is not required to take WRT 120.
- Any 200 level WRT course will satisfy the WRT 200 requirement.
- Any MAT course at the 103 level or above will satisfy the MAT requirement.
- Incoming first-year students are placed into the appropriate MAT course based on their performance on the online Mathematics Placement Examination (available on D2L).
- An (I) course can not simultaneously satisfy a distributive requirement.
- An (I) course can simultaneously satisfy the diverse communities requirement (J).

B. Distributive Requirements (21 cr.)

Humanities (6 cr.)

Select two courses with two different prefixes, from the current undergraduate catalog list of **approved** courses: **CLS** 165, 260, 261, **HIS** 100, 101, 102, 150, 151, 152, 444; **LIT** 100, 165, 219, 220; **PHI** 100, 101, 150, 180, 206, 207, 220, 280, 282

Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Behavioral & Social Sciences (6 cr.)

Select two courses with two different prefixes, from the current undergraduate catalog list of **approved** courses: **ANT** 101, 102, 103; **ECO** 111, 112, 200; **GEO** 101, 103, 200, 214; **PSC** 100, 101, 213; **PSY** 100; **SOC** 200, 204

Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Science (6 cr.)

Select two courses with two different prefixes, from the current undergraduate catalog list of **approved** courses: **BIO** 100, 110; **CHE** 100, 103, 107, 160; **CSC** 110, 115, 141; **ESS** 101, 111, 112, 130, 170; **PHY** 100, 105, 123, 130, 140, 170, 180

Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Arts (2 cr.)

Select one course from the current undergraduate catalog list of **approved** courses: **ARH** 101, 103, 104, 210, 211; **ART** 106, 111, 113, 228, 231; **DAN** 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 150, 210; **EGE** 405; **ESP** 305, 309; **FLM** 200, **MHL** 121, 125, 210, 312, 325; **MTC** 110; **SPA** 313; **THA** 101, 103, 212

Course/Grade _____

Notes:

- Distributive requirement courses can not simultaneously satisfy the (I) requirement
- Because THA 103 is prerequisite to COM 320, students wishing to take COM 320 are encouraged to take THA 103 to meet their Arts requirement.

C. Writing Emphasis (3-9 cr.)

Writing Emphasis (W):

Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Notes:

- Students with fewer than 40 transfer credits must take 3 (W) courses; those with 40 to 70 transfer credits must take 2 (W) courses; those with over 70 transfer credits must take 1 (W) course.
- At least 1 (W) course must be at the 300/400 level.
- WRT courses do not satisfy the writing emphasis requirement
- (W) courses may not be transferred to WCU
- (W) courses may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements (in gen. ed., major and minor)

D. Free Electives:

Additional courses may be selected as needed to reach the required minimum of 120 adjusted credits.

Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____
 Course/Grade _____

Additional Notes:

- A minimum of 120 adjusted credits is required for graduation.
- At least 30 of the last 45 credits must be earned at WCU.
- Except for free electives, courses taken to fulfill general education requirements may not be taken Pass/Fail.