West Chester University Accelerated B.A. in Communication Studies to M.A. in Communication Studies Program

Effective for students entering Spring'26 and 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.

The grade of C- or better is necessary in the 202 level of foreign language or in the 102 level and all culture cluster courses. A grade of C or better is required in all major courses.

I. COMMUNICATION CORE FOUNDATIONS (24 credits)

COM 206 ___ (Argumentation)
COM 209 _X_ (Principles & Practice of Public Speaking I) *
COM 211 _X_ (COM Literature & Inquiry)**
COM 213 ___ (Public Communication)
COM 214 ___ (Relational Communication)
COM 215 ___ (Organizational Theory)
COM 309 ___ (Principles & Practice of Public Speaking II)
COM 490 ___ (Capstone in Communication Studies)

^NOTES:
*HON 211 meets COM 209 requirement
**HON 313 meets COM 211 requirement

II. COMMUNICATION UPPER LEVEL (15 credits)

A. 5 COM courses above the 300 level, excluding COM400*

COM ___ _____
COM ___ _____
COM ___ _____
COM ___ _____
COM ___ _____

NOTES: * HON 320 level courses (or above) taught by COM faculty can be used to meet this requirement.

III. TRACK OPTIONS AND PRE-RECS FOR UPPER-LEVEL COM CLASSES:

A. Public

(Pre-Rec: HON 211, HON 313, & COM 213)

COM 340 ___ (Political Comm.)
COM 342 ___ (Persuasion)
COM 344 ___ (Rhetorical Criticism)
COM 348 ___ (Rhetoric & Pop Cult.)
COM 349 ___ (Event Planning)
COM 396 ___ (Special Topics)

B. **Relational**

(Pre-Rec: HON 211, HON 313, & COM 214)

COM 307 ___ (Nonverbal)
COM 332 ___ (Conflict Resolutions)
COM 345 ___ (Comm & Gender)
COM 375 ___ (Language/Thought/Beh.)
COM 380 ___ (Health Comm)
COM 385 ___ (Family Comm)
COM 387 ___ (Friendship Comm)
COM 397___ (Special Topics)

C. **Organizational**

(Pre-Rec: HON 211, HON 313, & COM 215)

COM 304 ___ (Organizational)
COM 333 ___ (Organizational Teams and Networks)
COM 335 ___ (Corporate/ Social Responsibility)
COM 337 ___ (Leadership)
COM 398 ___ (Special Topics)

IV. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0-15 credits)

Option 1: Meet the level of Intermediate II, one course at the 202 level (or higher). NOTE: min. C- in 202 course.
Option 2: Complete a course at the 102 level and 3 approved culture cluster courses in the same language area. NOTE: min. C- in 102 course

V. HONORS COLLEGE CORE SEQUENCE for GEN ED (27 credits)

HON 100 _____ (Self Awareness)
HON 211 _____ (Public Discourse)
HON 212 _____ (Ethics & Technology)
HON 310 _____ (Community Change)
HON 311 _____ (Stewardship/Civic Responsibility)
HON 312 _____ (Educational Systems)
or
HON 322 _____ (Leader. With ELLs)
HON 313 _____ (Public Opinion)
HON 314 _____ (Environ. Systems)
HON 315 _____ (Community & Arts)
SCIENCE ____ __x___
MAT ___ __x___

VI. ADDITIONAL HONORS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

A) Two HON seminars at the 320 level or above (except 322)

HON _____ _____
HON _____ _____

B) Capstone Project^

HON 490 _____

^NOTE: ***Enrollment upon core completion***: ideally 6th or 7th semester.

VII. DIRECTED ELECTIVES

Take enough directed electives to complete 120 credits. The actual number of electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the option to complete a minor(s) and the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

VIII. ACCELERATE PROGRAM (12 credits)

Any Communication Studies major with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher, who has completed at least 84 credits, may substitute up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in Communication Studies to satisfy upper-division course requirements or the applied area electives for the B.A in Communication

Studies. Those credits will also apply toward the M.A. program in Communication Studies. Students can select from the following.

COM 500 ___ (Communication and Leadership)
COM 501 ___ (Theoretic Perspectives on Human Communication)
COM 502 ___ (Communication Research Methods)
COM 505 ___ (Rhetoric and Leadership)
COM 508 ___ (Special Topics Seminar)
COM 509 ___ (Communication and Conflict Resolution)
COM 510 ___ (Culture, Media and Representation)
COM 511___ (Understanding Close Relationships)
COM 520 ___ (Political Communication)
COM 530 ___ (Advances in Nonverbal Communication)
COM 535 ___ (Communication Competence)
COM 550 ___ (Listening: Verbal and Nonverbal Perception)
COM 551 ___ (Public Relations Research and Writing)
COM 570 ___ (Conc Foundations Comm Train and Devel)
COM 575 ___ (Seminar on Speech Pedagogy)

Bring this sheet with you whenever you meet with your advisor about scheduling or course planning!

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