

West Chester University ~ Department of Communication & Media

Communication Studies 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 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 once 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: November 2023

- 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, Foreign Language, and Major Core

Gen. Ed. classes can be taken at any time during your academic career. Use this form to record your final grade and semester of completion.

Academic Foundations:

FIRST YEAR EXP (FYE) _____ / _____
 WRT 120 _____ (or WRITE Survey)
 WRT 200 _____
 (Any 200 level WRT; C or better required for credit)
 MAT 103 or above _____ / _____
 INTERDISCIPLINARY (I) _____ / _____
 DIVERSITY (J) _____ / _____

(C or better is required in all COM Core courses)
 COM 209 _____ (S)
 (COM 209 is the only pre-req for COM 309;
 register for 309 as soon as possible after 209)
 COM 206 _____ (S)
 COM 211 _____
 COM 213 _____
 COM 214 _____
 COM 215 _____

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

_____ 101 _____ (required)
 _____ 102 _____ (required)
 _____ 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).
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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)
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 Can take COM344, COM375, COM385 (W) Speaking Emphasis (S) (Three S courses are required; COM majors take 206, 209, and 309)
 ETHICS (E) _____ / _____

Distributive Requirements:

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.
 CLS165/260/261, DHM260, HIS100/101/102/
 150/151/152/214/215/221/222/224/444,
 LAN100/150, LIN130/140, LIT100/101/165/
 219/220, LNC100/105/106/110, PHI100/101/
 125/150/180/201/206/207/220/280/282/
 PHI350, PHY125, RUX110, WRH343
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BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE
 Select courses with two subject areas.
 ANT101/102/103, ECO111/112/200,
 GEO101/103/200/205/214/230,
 HEA276, NTD325, PSC100/201/213,
 PSY100, SOC100/240/245
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SCIENCE
 Select courses with two subject areas.
 BIO100/110, CHE100/103/107/160,
 CSC110/112/115/116/141, ESS101/
 111/112/127/128/130/170, GEO104,
 HEA258, NTD303, PHY100/105/
 123/130/170, SCI100/101/102/103
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ARTS
 Select one course from the catalog list. (Can't be used for Culture Cluster Requirements)
 AMF251, ARH101/103/104/210/211,
 ART106/111/113/228/231/232, DAN132/133/
 134/135/136/137/138/150/210, EGE405, EIT360,
 ESP305/309, FLM200, GER405, MDA240,
 MHL121/123/125/180/210/312/325, MTC110,
 SPA322, THA101/103/104/201
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Communication Studies Major Courses & Applied Coursework (A grade of C or better is required in all major courses)

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION CLASSES
 Pre-reqs for this group: COM 209, COM 211, COM 215. Uppers: COM 304, COM 333, COM 335, COM 337, COM 398

RELATIONAL COMMUNICATION CLASSES
 Pre-reqs for this group: COM 209, COM 211, COM 214. Uppers: COM 307, COM 332, COM 345, COM 375(W), COM 380, COM 385(W), COM 387(W), COM 397

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION CLASSES
 Pre-reqs for this group: COM 209, COM 211, COM 213. Uppers: COM 340, COM 342, COM 344(W), COM 348, COM 349, COM 396

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE/COM 490:
 Pre-reqs: COM 209, COM 206, COM 211, COM 213, COM 214, COM 215, COM 309
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COM UPPER LEVEL COURSEWORK

COM 309 _____ (S)
 You must complete at least 15 credits at the 300 level. (500 level courses are Grad Classes but can be taken as a part of the Accelerated B.A. to M.A. Program –see advisor for details.)
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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) (COM 400 is an elective – with pre-reqs COM 209 and COM 211 as well as ONE of 213 or 214 or 215 – and does not count as a COM Upper Level)
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NOTE: COM 396, 397, 398, and 399 (Directed Study) can be taken more than once for credit when topics do not repeat.