

# 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 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 332 \_\_\_\_ (Conflict Resolution)  
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 \_\_\_\_ (Comm 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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