

# 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  (Principles & Practice of Public Speaking I) \*  
COM 211  (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)

<sup>^</sup>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\*

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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)

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B) Capstone Project^

HON 490

<sup>^</sup>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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