

COMMUNICATION ARTS MAJOR: STANDARD PROGRAM COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS

Program Requirements

All standard majors require a minor in a second discipline or a second major.

A minimum of 36 credits is required including the 9-credit Communication Arts Nucleus, 15 credits of upper-division Communication Arts electives:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Communication Arts Nucleus | | |
| COM 205 | Communication Arts I | 3 |
| COM 305 | Communication Arts II | 3 |
| COM 405 | Communication Arts Seminar | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 9 |

And the following:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| COM 241 | Media Writing | 3 |
| COM 274 | Public Relations Communication | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| COM 119 | Introduction to Film | |
| COM 121 | Introduction to Theatre (GT-AH1) | |
| COM 151 | Introduction to Mass Media (GT-AH2) | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| COM 261 | Introduction To Audio Communication | |
| COM 264 | Introduction to Media Production I | |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

Capstone Course Requirement

The following course fulfills the capstone course requirement for the Communication Arts Major: COM 405 Communication Arts Seminar.

Graduation Requirements

Undergraduate programs require a minimum of 120 semester credits for graduation. Of those 120 credits, 40 credits must be in upper-division courses (those marked 300 and above). Fifteen of these 40 upper-division credits must be earned in courses that are part of the standard or comprehensive major program being pursued.

Students are expected to review all graduation requirements, which can be found in the Western Undergraduate Catalog: Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.western.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/>).

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| Year One | | |
| Fall | | |
| COM 119 or COM 121 or COM 151 | Introduction to Film or Introduction to Theatre (GT-AH1) or Introduction to Mass Media (GT-AH2) | 3 |

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| ENG 102 | Writing and Rhetoric I (GT-CO1) | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area I) | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area II) | 4 |
| HWTR 100 | First Year Seminar | 1 |
| MATH 105 or MATH 140 | Mathematics for the Liberal Arts (GT-MA1) or College Algebra (GT-MA1) | 3 |
| Credits | | 17 |
| Spring | | |
| COM 241 | Media Writing | 3 |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area I) | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area II) | 4 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area III) | 3 |
| Credits | | 16 |
| Year Two | | |
| Fall | | |
| COM 205 | Communication Arts I | 3 |
| COM 274 | Public Relations Communication | 3 |
| COM 261 or COM 264 | Introduction To Audio Communication or Introduction to Media Production I | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area I) | 3 |
| Gen Ed | General Education (Area III) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| ENG 103 | Writing and Rhetoric II (GT-CO2) | 3 |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 12 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Year Three | | |
| Fall | | |
| COM 305 | Communication Arts II | 3 |
| COM 346 | Multimedia Communication ((or other upper division elective)) | 3 |
| Elective | Upper division COM elective | 3 |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 6 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| Elective | Upper division COM elective | 3 |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 12 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Year Four | | |
| Fall | | |
| COM 405 | Communication Arts Seminar | 3 |
| Elective | Upper division COM elective | 3 |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 9 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| Elective | Elective, minor, or second major course | 12 |
| Credits | | 12 |
| Total Credits | | 120 |