

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
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
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
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

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