



**WHEATON**  
COLLEGE  
*For Christ & His Kingdom*

## Communication Major

Total Major hours: 32  
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

*Four Concentrations: Interpersonal, Media Studies,  
Rhetoric and Culture, Theater*

### Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2024-2025

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<b>Fall Semester 1</b>  COMM 201 Fundamentals of Oral Communication <sup>1,2</sup> or Required Concentration Course <sup>3</sup>  <i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. H. Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First Year CATC options-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i></li> </ul>	<b>Spring Semester 1</b>  COMM 201 <sup>1,2</sup> or Required Concentration Course <sup>3</sup>  <i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	<b>Summer 1</b>  <i>Consider study or research options</i> – <i>Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research</i>
<b>Fall Semester 2</b>  COMM 201 <sup>1,2</sup> , if not complete Required Concentration Course <sup>1,3</sup> or Elective Concentration Course <sup>1,4</sup>  <i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	<b>Spring Semester 2</b>  Required Concentration Course <sup>1,3</sup> or Elective Concentration Course <sup>1,4</sup>  <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	<b>Summer 2</b>  Consider a study abroad  <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
<b>Fall Semester 3</b>  COMM 301 Communication Theory <sup>5*</sup> or 302 Rhetorical Theory <sup>F,5*</sup> Required Concentration Course <sup>1,3</sup> or Elective Concentration Course <sup>1,4</sup>  Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	<b>Spring Semester 3</b>  COMM 311 Human Communication Research <sup>5,6*</sup> or 312 Communication Criticism <sup>6*</sup> Required Concentration Course <sup>1,3</sup> or Elective Concentration Course <sup>1,4</sup>  <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	<b>Summer 3</b>  Consider a study abroad  <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
<b>Fall Semester 4</b>  COMM 494: Senior Seminar (2) COMM Elective (2) <sup>7</sup>  <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	<b>Spring Semester 4</b>  COMM 494: Senior Seminar (2), if not complete Complete Major Coursework  <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	<b>Summer 4</b>

## Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

\*Course has prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course

<sup>S</sup> Spring only course

#Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup>Communication majors have opportunities to meet CATC Thematic Core tags. See footnotes 3, 4 and 7 for more specific tagged courses by concentration. CATC Oral Competency can be met with COMM 101 (see footnote 2), COMM 201 or COMM 252.

<sup>2</sup>Students who have had COMM 101 and decide to Major or Minor in Communication should NOT take COMM 201 but “pair” their 101 course with one of the following to meet the 201 requirement: Comm 221, 362 (2 hours), or 363.

<sup>3</sup>See chart for Required Concentration courses:

Interpersonal 6-8 hours	Media Studies 8 hours	Rhetoric & Culture 8 hours	Theater 2 hours
221	241 <sup>F</sup>	253 <sup>F</sup> (DUS)	271 (VPAT)
424 (2-4)* Course may be repeated, see catalog	246	454 <sup>S*</sup> Course may be repeated, see catalog	

<sup>4</sup>See chart for Elective Concentration courses:

Interpersonal 8-10 hours	Media Studies 8 hours	Rhetoric & Culture 8 hours	Theater 12 hours
Choose from: 223 (2) 261 324 (DUS) 362 (2) 363 (SI) 367 (2) 424* (2-4) Course may be repeated, see catalog 461 495* (1-4) 496* (2-4)	Choose from: 215 243 261 343* 344 345* 415/416 (2-4) 441 444* Course may be repeated, see catalog 445* 496* (2-4)	Choose from: 252 261 344 353* 363 (SI) 393 <sup>S</sup> Course may be repeated, see catalog 444* Course may be repeated, see catalog 495* (1-4) 496* (2-4)	Choose from: 272* 273* 373 <sup>S</sup> (0-1) Course may be repeated, see catalog 374* 376 473 Course may be repeated, see catalog 474* 476* 495* (1-4) 496* (2-4)
Special note: Required + Elective courses must equal 16 hours	Special note: At least one elective course must be upper-division		

<sup>5</sup> If possible, students should take their required Theory course prior to the required Research Methods course (exceptions may be granted for students whose schedules prevent this sequence). Each of the Theory courses are taught once per academic year and are as follows:

COMM 301, Communication Theory, is required for Interpersonal Concentration and Media Concentrations

COMM 302, Rhetorical Theory, is required for Rhetoric and Theater Concentrations, and may be substituted with 301 for Media Concentration.

<sup>6</sup> If possible, students should take their required Theory course prior to the required Research Methods course (exceptions may be granted for students whose schedules prevent this sequence). Each of the Research Methods courses are taught once per academic year and are as follows:

COMM 311 Communication Research, is required for Interpersonal Concentration and may be substituted with 312 for Media Concentration;

COMM 312 Communication Criticism, is required for Rhetoric, Theater, and Media Concentrations.

<sup>7</sup> All Communication majors are required to take 2 hours of Communication electives. In some situations, additional electives may be required to meet the 32 hour minimum for the major.

-There are many paths for Communication majors. Starting the major after freshman year is generally not a problem.