



Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

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.

Fall Semester 1 COMM 101 Public Speaking (2) or Pass Oral Competency ¹ COMM 111 Fundamentals (2) <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"> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	Spring Semester 1 If not complete: COMM 101 Public Speaking (2) or Pass Oral Competency ¹ COMM 111 Fundamentals (2) <i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	Summer 1 <i>Consider study or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research</i>
Fall Semester 2 Required Content Area Course ^{3, 4} Strategic Messages OR Collaboration OR Media/Culture <i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	Spring Semester 2 Required Content Area Course ^{3, 4} Strategic Messages OR Collaboration OR Media/Culture <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Summer 2 Consider a study abroad <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
Fall Semester 3 COMM 301 Communication Theory ⁵ or 302 Rhetorical Theory ⁵ COMM 311 Human Comm Research ⁶ or COMM 312 Communication Criticism ⁶ Required Content Area Course ^{3, 4} Strategic Messages OR Collaboration OR Media/Culture Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Spring Semester 3 COMM 301 Communication Theory ⁵ or 302 Rhetorical Theory ⁵ , if not complete COMM 311 Human Comm Research ⁶ or COMM 312 Communication Criticism ⁶ , if not complete COMM Elective ⁷ or COMM 404 Advanced Topics <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Summer 3 Consider a study abroad <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
Fall Semester 4 COMM 494: Senior Seminar (2) COMM 404 Advanced Topics, if not complete	Spring Semester 4 COMM 494: Senior Seminar (2), if not complete Complete Major Coursework	Summer 4

COMM Elective ⁷ (4-8)	Complete CATC Coursework	
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Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#]Offered every other year

¹CATC Oral Competency can be met with COMM 101, COMM 252, Completing 4 semesters of COMM 393 (minimum of 2 hours), or Passing the Oral Competency Test. Communication majors have opportunities to meet CATC Thematic Core tags. Chart for more specific tagged courses.

²Only one Advanced Integrative Seminar is allowed per student.

³ See chart for Content Area Options. Take at least ONE from each category, at least one must be 300+ level

Strategic Messages 4 hours	Collaboration & Interpersonal Relationships 4 hours	Media, Culture & Performance 4 hours
Choose from: 215 252 ^{F, #} 253 ^F (DUS) 261 363 [#] (SI) THEA 273 ^S	Choose from: 221 252 ^{F, #} 345 (3) 362 461 THEA 374 ^F	Choose from: 241 ^F 253 ^F (DUS) 324 ^{F*} (DUS) 344 ^S THEA 273 ^S THEA 376 ^S
Special note: At least one elective course must be upper-division (300/400); No more than ONE may be transfer credit		

⁴ Content Area Courses listed (chart in Footnote 3) in more than one category **fulfill only one category** in a student's program of study; they do not double-dip.

⁵ If possible, students should take their Theory course (COMM 301 or COMM 302) prior to the required Research Methods course (COMM 311 or COMM 312). 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 taught Fall and Spring

COMM 302, Rhetorical Theory, is taught Fall only.

⁶ If possible, students should take their Theory course (COMM 301 or COMM 302) prior to the required Research Methods course (COMM 311 or COMM 312). 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 311 Human Communication Research, is taught in the Spring. COMM 301 is the suggested Theory pairing.

COMM 312 Communication Criticism, is taught in the Fall and can be paired with either COMM 301 or 302.

⁷ All Communication majors are required to take 8 hours of Communication electives. Additional courses may be selected from the 3 Content Areas (Footnote 3) or Other COMM or THEA courses, except COMM 101:

COMM 243: Digital Society	COMM 172: Theater Practicum (1)
COMM 246: Media Production*	COMM 296: Journalism Practicum (2-4)
<i>*Alternative course ARTS 241 Digital Studio/ May only take one</i>	
COMM 353: Advanced Persuasive Speaking ^{S, #}	COMM 373: Theater Workout (1)
COMM 361: Non-Profit Comm	COMM 393: Intercollegiate Debate Practicum (0-1, P/F per year)
COMM 367: Reconciliation & Conflict Resolution	COMM 495: Independent Study (1-4)
COMM 415/16 Special Topics / Journalism ^S (2-4)	COMM 496: Internship (2-4)
COMM 441: Media, Religion & Culture [#]	COMM 498: Journalism Internship (2-4)
THEA 171: Intro to Acting <i>VPAT</i> (2)	ARTS 241: Digital studio *
	Alternative Course: COMM 246/ May only take one
THEA 271: Theater Survey <i>VPAT</i> (2)	ARTS 341: Screenwriting *
	*(cross-listed COMM 343 Screenwriting)
THEA 272: Scenography	<i>ARTS 343: Digital Filmmaking I: Narrative *</i>
	*(cross-listed COMM 345 Narrative Media)
THEA 275: Musical Theater / London [#] (2)	ARTS 345: Digital Filmmaking II: Documentary *
	*(cross-listed COMM 445: Media Construct) (FL, 3)
THEA 374: Directing ^F	
THEA 473: Acting II—Shakespeare [#]	
THEA 476: Theater & Culture ^{S, #} <i>DUS</i>	
CORE 313: Sport, Faith, and Social Change ² <i>SI, DUS</i>	CORE 327: Propaganda and Image in Everyday Life ² <i>PI</i>
CORE 321: 'Holla If Ya Hear Me!': Engaging Hip-Hop Culture ²	CORE 369: The Rhetoric & Philosophy of James Baldwin ² <i>DUS</i>
<i>DUS, VPAM</i>	

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