



First Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
10-111	Composition I	3	10-112	Composition II	3
29-102	Fund of Oral Communication	3	33-155/56	American Experiences	3
29-210	Communication Theory**	3	29-230	Public Speaking	3
77-101	University Seminar	1		Life Science and Lab	4
	Math Requirement (Statistics*)	3		Fine Arts Requirement	3
	Elective	1			
Total Hours		14	Total Hours		16
Second Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
29-225	Intercultural Communication	3		Digital Literacy	3
	Social & Behavioral Science	3	34-102	American Government & Politics	3
10-220	Intro to Literature	3		Global Experiences	3
	Social & Behavioral Science	3		Modern Language	3
	Physical Science & Lab	4		Minor	6
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		18
Third Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
29-335	Interpersonal Communication**	3	29-332	Propaganda/Persuasion**	3
29-341	Argumentation & Debate**	3	29-325	Listening Behavior and Skills**	3
29-232	Small Group Communication	3		Modern Language	3
	General Elective	2	29-310	Comm. Research Methods**	3
	Minor	3		Minor	3
Total Hours		14	Total Hours		15
Summer Semester					
	Internship in Communication	3			
Fourth Year					
First Semester			Second Semester		
	Western Experiences	3	29-498	Senior Capstone	3
	General Elective	3		Speech Elective	6
	Minor	6		Minor	6
Total Hours		12	Total Hours		15

This sample plan is a supplement to your Degree Audit. Consult your advisor on a regular basis for individual academic planning.



THE NORTHWEST DIFFERENCE

Comprehensive **communication majors with an emphasis in interpersonal communication** study how people create, send and receive messages, and analyze the ways in which messages affect the perception of the relationship. Students learn methods of identifying problems in communication, correcting problems, and training and developing communication abilities for members of various communities. At Northwest, faculty focus on communication theory and ensuring students are efficient in public speaking, writing, group behavior, persuasion and interpersonal communication.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Job titles related to this major include:

- Human resources director
- Training director
- Instructional specialist
- Group process facilitator
- Communication director
- Communication specialist
- Survey specialist
- Mediator
- Counseling and social services
- Volunteer recruiter
- Teacher

PROFESSION-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The **Speaking Bearcats** forensics team has claimed 12 national championships since 2009. Students interested in debate and traveling the country are encouraged to contact Brian Swafford at swaff@nwmissouri.edu.

Student Organizations

Lambda Pi Eta national honor society is a national communication honor society that recognizes and rewards outstanding academic achievement in communication students.

Internships are required with the interpersonal communications major to ensure students have profession-based experiences and are career-ready upon graduation.

In recent years, communication majors have interned:

- The Federal Reserve Bank
- United States Marine Corps
- Missouri State Senate
- Sprint