COMMUNICATION ARTS
MAJOR: ADVERTISING AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS OPTION (B.A.)

https://manchester.unh.edu/program/ba/communication-arts-major-advertising-public-relations-option

Description

Students in the Advertising and Public Relations option develop knowledge and skills relating to the use of strategic communication practices within a variety of settings such as ad agencies, commercial businesses, and nonprofit organizations. A dynamic mix of historical, social, ethical, organizational, creative, analytical, and experiential perspectives is used to create a strong foundation for professional success and graduate study. Coursework covers topics such as earned and paid media, social media, graphic design, media writing, data analytics, and audience research. Some courses use field trips and guest speakers to keep students up-to-date with current trends. An internship in advertising and public relations is required.

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Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: Yes

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

Students must complete all of the Communication Arts major requirements and will work with their academic advisor to select courses that also satisfy option requirements.

Advertising and Public Relations Option Requirements

The option in Advertising and Public Relations consists of 24 credits as distributed below. Note that some courses may also be used to fulfill the requirements of the Communication Arts major. Courses applied to the option must be completed with a minimum grade of C- and overall GPA of 2.0. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 12 credits, including the Advertising and Public Relations Internship, at UNH Manchester.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year

Fall

Credits

UMST 401 or UMST 402
First Year Seminar
1-2

ENGL 401
First-Year Writing
4

CMN 455
Introduction to Media Studies
4

Discovery Course
4

Elective
4

Credits
17-18

Spring

Quantitative Reasoning
4

CMN 456
Propaganda and Persuasion
4

Discovery Course
4

Elective
4

Credits
16

Second Year

Fall

Foreign Language
4

CMN 457
Introduction to Language and Social Interaction
4

Major Elective
4

Discovery Course
4

Credits
16
Spring
Foreign Language 4
Major Elective 4
Major Elective 4
Discovery Course 4

Credits 16

Third Year
Fall
Major Elective 4
Discovery Course 4
Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Spring
Major Elective 4
Discovery Course 4
Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Fourth Year
Fall
Major Elective 4
Discovery Course 4
Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Spring
Major Elective 4
Discovery Course 4
Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Total Credits 129-130

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Communication Arts program, students will be able to:

• Analyze how creativity, artistry, narrative, identity, persuasion, and ethics shape messages and relationships produced within a variety of social, organizational, and industry contexts.
• Demonstrate knowledge and skills that give them expertise and proficiency in areas such as human relations, social media, digital video, audio production, graphic design, writing, and speaking.
• Know the history of communication practices and understand how media technologies and messages have impacted societies, cultures, organizations, and businesses.
• Effectively research and creatively explore communication practices, experiences, and trends using high quality sources of information, multiple modes of inquiry, and multiple presentation formats.
• Identify professional interests or career paths by working with the Internship and Career Planning Office and by engaging with communication settings outside the classroom through internships, service learning, field trips, and independent studies.