# SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND DESIGN COMMUNICATION ARTS PATHWAY

## **Bachelor of Arts - Communication Arts**

The Communication Arts program, housed in the School of Media and Design at the University of the Incarnate Word, uses a unique blend of theory-driven and experienced-based classes where students acquire the knowledge and skills to help elevate their career path. Communication Arts offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Master of Arts (M.A.) as well as an accelerated bachelor's to master's degree program. With seemingly infinite career opportunities, graduates work as writers, producers, directors, editors, public relations specialists, videographers, filmmakers, broadcast journalists, advertising specialists, event planners, social media specialists, teachers, web specialists, bilingual journalists and convergent media specialists, among others.

#### 11th Grade

# FALL

ENGL 1311 UIW CORE (2)

# **SPRING**

ENGL 1312 COMM 1301 UIW CORE

### 12th Grade



PSYC 1301 COMM 1305 UIW CORE



COMM 1311 COMM 2315 UIW CORE

# PROFESSIONAL DEGREES MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION ARTS

Media and Culture Concentration

Multimedia Concentration

Strategic and Corporate Concentration

# ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S PROGRAM

Students can complete two degrees in 151 hours rather than the 164 required of traditional consecutive undergraduate and graduate programs. An accelerated program results in a lower cost as well as time-savings for students because they may take up to nine hours of graduate courses in their fourth year as part of the undergraduate banded tuition.



Learn more about the Communication Arts program in the UIW School of Media and Design.



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#### BRAINPOWER CONNECTION'S COLLEGE CONNECTION PROGRAM

The Brainpower Connection's College Connection Program offers a seamless transition to the University of the Incarnate Word and its Health Professions schools, accelerating their academic pathway to UIW and post-secondary education at a reduced tuition rate. Eligible students attend college classes on the UIW campus. These dual credit courses will help students to succeed in college and provide opportunities to engage in student life activities. Students must have a C or better in all college courses for major, minor, concentration, and/or specialization.



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# **B.A. in Communication Arts Course Descriptions**



### **COMM 1301 Introduction to Mass Communication**

This course studies the nature and function of mass communication systems. It includes the history, structure, and interrelationships of the components of mass media, as well as the relationship between media and society. This class is a prerequisite to other classes for Communication Arts majors.

#### **COMM 1305 Digital Literacy**

This course introduces basic computer terminology skills and concepts in communication. The student receives hands-on experience in file management techniques, Internet and e-mail software, online library databases and software, word processing and presentation software, spreadsheet and database management software. Media software and communication applications will be emphasized. This course meets the computer literacy requirements for Communication Arts majors.

#### **COMM 1311 Public Speaking**

This course introduces students to the preparation, delivery, and evaluation of informative and persuasive speeches.

#### **COMM 2315 Writing for the Media**

This course is an examination and practice of the types of writing that are produced in the media arena. In this course, the emphasis is on style, structure, and techniques involved in a wide spectrum of writing platforms: print journalism, copywriting, broadcast journalism, online writing forms, public relations writing, and scriptwriting. Prerequisite: COMM 1301 and ENGL 1311.

#### **ENGL 1311 Composition I**

This course is a laboratory-aided reading and writing-intensive course that focuses on a variety of strategies to generate ideas and create well-organized texts. It is part of the required University Core Curriculum. The course is designed to develop students' abilities in academic reading, writing, and oral communication, with the aim of enhancing critical reading skills, expository writing techniques, and critical thinking abilities.

#### **ENGL 1312 Composition II**

This course is a laboratory-aided reading and writing-intensive course that teaches students how to write a research paper on the college level over the course of one semester. This course will provide practice for the development of a critical eye for argument as well as continued practice in developing logical, convincing, and persuasive arguments. **Prerequisite: ENGL 1311.** 

#### **PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology**

This course studies the basic facts and principles of psychology.



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