

# School of Media & Public Affairs

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

## Political Communication Curriculum Worksheet

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ GWID: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***CCAS Requirements***

Students must meet the CCAS requirements including the general education requirements for the college. Requirements Listed on G-PAC Worksheet, found at:  
<http://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/g-pac>

### ***CCAS Co-Requisite Courses (3 courses)***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ PSC 1002 Introduction to American Politics
2. \_\_\_\_\_ PSC 1001 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PSC 1003 Introduction to International Politics
3. \_\_\_\_\_ STAT 1053 Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences

### ***Required PCM Introductory Core Courses (6 courses)***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2102 Introduction to Political Communication (minimum grade of C required)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2110W Introduction to Newswriting and Reporting
3. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2112 Digital Media I: Introduction to Video Production
4. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2113 Digital Media II: Introduction to Web Production and Social Media
5. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2151 Research Methods
6. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 2152 Data Analysis for Journalism and Political Communication

### ***Required Upper Level Political Science Courses (2 courses)***


Choose two 2000 level or above political science courses.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ PSC \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ PSC \_\_\_\_\_

**Required PCM Elective Courses (7 courses)**

Seven courses chosen from the following:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

SMPA 2120 Public Opinion	SMPA 3194 Selected Topics in Political Communication (May be repeated once for	SMPA 3196 Independent Study
SMPA 2173 Media Law	SMPA 3245W Editorial & Persuasive Writing	SMPA 3240W Washington Reporting
SMPA 3197 Internship (Only one, three- credit internship may be taken for credit toward the	 SMPA 3350 Public Diplomacy	SMPA 3352 Principles of Public Relations
SMPA 3241W Campaign Reporting	SMPA 3354 Political Campaign	SMPA 3355 Campaign Advertising
SMPA 3353 Strategic Political Communication	SMPA 3358 Strategic Practicum	SMPA 3428 Media, Politics & Government
SMPA 3357W Political Speech Writing	SMPA 3459 Language and Politics	SMPA 3460 Race, Media & Politics
SMPA 3450 Social Media	SMPA 3463 Media Bias	SMPA 3469 International Communication
SMPA 3461 Campaigns and Elections	SMPA 3471 Media in the Developing World	SMPA 3472 Media and Foreign Policy
SMPA 3470 Comparative Media Systems	SMPA 3477 Information Technology and	SMPA 4198 Special Honors Research Seminar
SMPA 3476 Media, Technology, and Culture		

**Required Senior Capstone Course (1 course)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ SMPA 4199 Political Communication Senior Seminar

**Remember to check prerequisites for upper level courses.**

**Scholarship Performance in the Major**

A minimum grade of C– must be attained in all upper-level courses numbered in the 2000s through 4000s in order to count them toward the major. A grade of C or better is required in SMPA 2102 in order to remain in the major.

**Special Honors in Political Communication**

Students with a 3.7 GPA in all courses completed at GW and in all courses required for the major may declare for Special Honors in political communication at the beginning of the senior year. Students take [SMPA 4199](#) Senior Seminar in the first semester of the senior year and [SMPA 4198](#) Special Honors Research Seminar in the second semester. To achieve Special Honors, the student must maintain the required GPA and present a successful oral defense of a research paper prepared for the Honors Research Seminar before a committee that includes the seminar instructor and two other faculty members nominated by the student and approved by the seminar instructor.