

## Westmoreland County Community College – Ohio University Plan

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### Communication Online Program Pathway

Study communication in the Scripps College of Communication, recognized as a Center of Excellence by the Ohio Board of Regents. The online Communication major, is ideally suited for both new college students and continuing professionals in a variety of public, non-profit, and private organizations who have positions that emphasize internal and external communication. The major cross-trains individuals in visual, written, and oral communication, emphasizing both practical application and theory-based communication strategy. Courses are designed with best practices for online pedagogy, emphasizing the same student enrichment philosophy that grounds other majors in the Scripps College of Communication.

#### **Online Convenience. Ohio University Quality.**

- Review study materials and submit assignments online.
- Learn from distinguished professors.
- Progress through the degree in consultation with an Ohio University academic advisor.

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### Admission Requirements

- No additional requirements beyond undergraduate admissions requirements for freshman or transfer admission.
- Transfer applicants must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher from all institutions previously attended to be considered for admission. If you have completed fewer than 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours of university or college coursework, you must also submit your high school transcript for evaluation.
- Official transcripts sent directly to OHIO University from all colleges and universities you have attended.

#### **Application Information**

Apply online [enroll.ohio.edu](http://enroll.ohio.edu)

Students can complete this program through OHIO Online

#### **Submit all college-level transcripts to:**

Undergraduate Admissions  
Ohio University  
Chubb Hall 120  
1 Ohio University Drive  
Athens, OH 45701

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### Ohio University Contact Information

#### **Undergraduate Admissions**

740.593.4100

#### **E-mail general questions to**

[transfer@ohio.edu](mailto:transfer@ohio.edu)

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## Degree Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science, Communication major, a student must have completed all OHIO University graduation requirements: general education, College, major, and residency. Students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of OHIO University credit, complete a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at OHIO University, and complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours for graduation (elective hours may be required).

## Ohio University BRICKS General Education Requirements

BRICKS is Ohio University's general education program, and requirements must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. BRICKS includes a minimum of 38 credit hours across five categories: Foundations, Pillars, Arches, Bridges, and Capstone. Courses used to satisfy BRICKS requirements may be completed through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online. The table below lists Westmoreland County Community College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet BRICKS requirements. General education courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets. HIST courses marked with an asterisk (\*) will automatically equate to fill Pillars Humanities Texts and Contexts, but may alternately equate to fill Pillars Social and Behavioral Sciences. Work with your academic advisor to make adjustments.

OHIO BRICKS Requirement	Westmoreland County Community College Course Numbers
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>	Take one course from each listed category
Written Communication	ENG 161
Advanced Writing	ENG 164
Quantitative Reasoning	BUS 250, BUS 288; HUM 156; MTH 158, MTH 160, MTH 173, MTH 180; PHL 155
Intercultural Explorations	HIS 269; SOC 255; SWK 170
<b>PILLARS</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Humanities: Texts and Contexts	ENG 165, ENG 270, ENG 276; HIS 155, HIS 156; PHL 160, PHL 161
Humanities: Arts	ART 155; ENG 225
Natural Sciences	BIO 120, BIO 145, BIO 171, BIO 210, BIO 265; CHM 107; CHM 108; CHM 155; EPS 163; GEO 160; PHY 155, PHY 255, PHY 259
Social or Behavioral Sciences	ECE 156, ECN 158, ECN 255, ECN 256; GEO 155, HIS 268, HIS 269; POL 155, POL 156, POL 256; PSY 160; SOC 155
<b>ARCHES</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Constructed World	ART 156, ART 158; BUS 278, BUS 288; ENG 240; MED 158; MTH 172; REL 171
Natural World	BIO 172, BIO 255; CHM 156, CHM 225; EPS 150; PHY 107, PHY 153, PHY 156, PHY 256
Connected World	CRJ 155; ECE 157; PSY 163, PSY 165, PSY 260, PSY 265, PSY 270; SOC 162, SOC 255; SWK 170
<b>BRIDGES</b>	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 1 credit each)
Speaking and Listening	[SPC 155]
Ethics and Reasoning	BUS 140; [SPC 155]
Diversity and Practice	ART 156, ART 158; MED 158; PSY 267; SOC 170; [SPC 155]
Learning and Doing	HPE 157; [SPC 155]
<b>CAPSTONE</b>	Minimum 2 credits (no current equivalencies)

### BRICKS and Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution\* prior to enrollment in a degree-seeking program at Ohio University will receive transfer credit equivalent to fulfilling Ohio University's BRICKS general education requirements in Foundations (excluding the Advanced Writing component, which requires completion of an equivalent course), Pillars, and Arches. Students who have not completed an approved degree will have their courses evaluated individually to determine appropriate general education requirement fulfillment. \*Institutions must be accredited by regional accrediting commissions recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to qualify.



## Communication Major Courses

Choose no more than 3 total courses at Westmoreland County Community College

### Foundational Knowledge and Skills

Complete all of the following courses through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online.

Complete JOUR 1330 and VICO 1000 with a grade of 'C' (2.0) or better.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Using Communication Tools	COMM 1000	
Fundamentals of Public Speaking	[COMS 1030]	[SPC 155]
Precision Language for Journalists	JOUR 1330	
Introduction to Studies in Visual Communication	VICO 1000	

### Practice

Complete all of the following courses through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Techniques of Group Discussion	COMS 2050	
Mass Media Writing Principles	JOUR 2150	
Introduction to Basic Publication/Web Design	VICO 2514 or VICO 2561	

### Strategy

Complete five courses (three courses must be from the 3000- or 4000-level) for a minimum of fifteen semester hours.

Complete courses through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Special Topics in Communication	COMM 3900	
Communication in Interpersonal Relationships	COMS 2060	SPC 156
Organization Communication for Nonmajors	COMS 2500	
Communication Technology and Organizing	COMS 3250	
Cross-Cultural Communication	COMS 4100	
Consumer Issues in Telecommunication	ITS 1010	
Understanding Internet Technology	ITS 2010	
Privacy in the Internet Age	ITS 4310	
Introduction to Advertising and Public Relations	JOUR 2500	
International Mass Media	[JOUR 4660]	
Seminar in Online Journalism	JOUR 4923	
Media and the Creative Process	MDIA 1020	
Audience Research	MDIA 3105	



### Synthesis

Complete all of the following courses through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Applied Communication Capstone (completes OHIO BRICKS Capstone Requirement)	[COMM 4000]	
Qualitative Inquiry in Communication	COMS 3420	
Ethics, Mass Media, and Society	[JOUR 3200]	

### Additional Course Requirements

Complete the following courses to reach a total of 120 credit hours through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Electives	Work with an Academic Advisor for appropriate course selection	

### Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related Westmoreland County Community College equivalents as of the Last Updated date. All information is subject to change without notice. Students must complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours, are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning. Courses are subject to availability at each institution. It is suggested that students meet with an advisor to discuss course selection based on offered options.

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