

How do I become a Communication Studies Major at UNCW?

There is no simple answer to the above question. However, in this document we hope to answer your questions regarding how to become a communication studies major at UNCW.

First, you must know your current status at UNCW.

- You are a **University College/GCOL** student if you started UNCW as a Freshman. Your degree audit will read “University College/General College_____”.
- You are a **transfer student declared PCOM by admissions** if you transferred to UNCW from another university or a community college and you told UNCW you desired a major in communication studies on your transfer application. If you did this then your degree audit will read “Pre-requirements Communication Studies”.

If you told admissions that you desired a major in anything other than communication studies, then see below.

- You are a **student desiring to change your major to or double major in** communication studies if
 - you declared another major with your GCOL advisor in the past semester;
 - you went to the registrar’s office and changed your major to “ABC”;
 - you told admissions you desired to be a major in anything other than communication studies, and did not change your status at transfer orientation.

If this is your situation, your degree audit will currently indicate a major—look for it.

Second, follow the appropriate instructions for your current status.

Which of the following best describes your status?

- University College/GCOL
- Transfer student declared PCOM by admissions
- Student desiring to change your major to/double major

Now follow the steps that match that status.

University College/GCOL Students

- Step #1** *Complete COM 105 – Introduction to Communication Studies* your second or third semester at UNCW and earn a “B” or better in the course.
- Step #2** *Complete declaration form* with your University College/GCOL advisor.
- You must have earned the “B” or better in COM 105 before completing the declaration if you will not yet be at 45 hours after completing COM 105.
 - You may declare PCOM if you are currently enrolled in COM 105 and if you will have completed 45 hours at the end of the semester in which you declare PCOM.
 - You may not declare PCOM unless the above conditions are met.
- Step #3** *Complete Application to the Department of Communication Studies*
- Complete [application](#) electronically, print, sign and deliver to LH 239.
- Step #4** *Complete COM 200 – Research Methods* and earn a “B” or better.
- You will not be able to register for COM 200 until your degree audit reads “Communication Studies Pre-Requirements”.
- Step #5** *Check your campus email account weekly.* Remember PCOM advisors use campus email to communicate with their advisees.
- Step #6** *Be advised by a PCOM advisor* during the next pre-registration advising period. PCOM advisors will contact you via campus email with instructions.
- Step #7** *When you complete both COM 105 and COM 200 earning a “B” or better in each course* you will be declared a COM major.
- During your last PCOM advising session we will provide the date by which you should be a COM major

Transfer Students Declared PCOM by Admissions

You were declared PCOM (Pre-Communication Studies) by the Admissions office and on your orientation day were advised by a PCOM advisor. Your status is PCOM, however, you must meet the entrance requirements to the department to become a COM major or you will need to change majors.

- Step #1** ***Complete COM 105 – Introduction to Communication Studies*** your first semester at UNCW and earn a “B” or better in the course.
- Step #2** ***Complete application to the Department of Communication Studies*** by the date in your orientation package
- Complete [application](#) electronically, print, sign and deliver to LH 239.
- Step #3** ***Complete COM 200*** – Research Methods and earn a “B” or better.
- Step #4** ***Check your campus email account weekly.*** Remember PCOM advisors use campus email to communicate with their advisees.
- Step #5** ***Be advised by a PCOM advisor*** during the next pre-registration advising period. PCOM advisors will contact you via campus email with instructions.
- Step #6** ***When you complete both COM 105 and COM 200 earning a “B” or better in each course*** you will be declared a COM major.
- During your last PCOM advising session we will provide the date by which you should be a COM major

**Student desiring to
change your major to Communication Studies or
double major in Communication Studies and _____.**

Your degree audit currently reads a major other than Communication Studies; it does not state that you are in University College/General College.

Step #1 ***Complete COM 105 – Introduction to Communication Studies*** earning a “B” or better in the course.

Step #2 ***Complete application to the Department of Communication Studies***

- You may complete the application during the last three weeks of the semester you are enrolled in COM 105.
- However, the application will not be processed until grades are posted and we see that you earned a “B” or better in COM 105.
- Complete [application](#) electronically, print, sign and deliver to LH 239.

Step #3 ***Complete COM 200*** – Research Methods and earn a “B” or better.

Step #4 ***Check your campus email account weekly.*** Remember PCOM advisors use campus email to communicate with their advisees.

Step #5 ***Be advised by a PCOM advisor*** during the next pre-registration advising period. PCOM advisors will contact you via campus email with instructions.

Step #6 ***When you complete both COM 105 and COM 200 earning a “B” or better in each course*** you will be declared a COM major.

- During your last PCOM advising session we will provide the date by which you should be a COM major