

# PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION STUDIES, BS

**Campus:** Online

The BS in Professional Communication Studies is an part time online completion degree program designed to prepare students for successful professional careers in the field of communication. This interdisciplinary major includes courses in professional communication and computer science. It is an innovative degree program for adult students who have experience in the workplace and have an associate AS or AA degree or the equivalent (60-64 credits).

The program is supported by Dyson College and Pace Online, which has traditionally been responsible for assisting non-traditional students, evaluating prior college-level credit and evaluating life experience for academic credit. For more information, please visit the online BS in Professional Communications Studies (<https://online.pace.edu/undergraduate-programs/bs-professional-communication-studies/>) program page, or email [paceonline@pace.edu](mailto:paceonline@pace.edu).

## Major Completion Summary

Requirement	Credits
Transfer Credits	60-64
Organizational Communication Concentration	44
Required Electives	16
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

## Transfer Credits (60-64 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Transfer Credits</b>		
Total transfer credits <sup>1</sup>		60-64
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<sup>1</sup> The total number of credits required to complete the degree is 120. The curriculum below contains 60 credits. Students transferring in less than 60 credits will need to take additional arts and sciences credits at Pace to fulfill the 120 credits.

## Organizational Communication Concentration (44 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Concentration Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
AIT 103	Online Seminar	1
AIT 107	Computer Applications for Telecommunications	4
CIT 231	Web Authoring and Digital Media	4
CMS 119	Organizational Communication	3
COM 260	Communication Fundamentals	4
COM 361	Interpersonal Communication Among Cultures	4
ENG 201	Writing in the Disciplines	3-4
MCA 185	Effective Public Relations	4
MCA 209	Understanding the Mass Media	3-4
MCA 221	Professional Communication	4
PAA 101	Public Administration and Its Environment	4
Major Elective		3-4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>41-44</b>

<sup>1</sup> Student meets with program coordinator for guidance in selecting appropriate Concentration electives.

## Required Electives (16 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Electives</b>		
Select 16 credits <sup>1</sup>		16
<i>Recommended Liberal Arts and/or Science Electives</i>		
HIS 113	The American Experience: Wealth and American Culture	
PSY 201	Psychology of Business and Industry	
PSY 260	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	
SCI 230	Environmental Science	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup> Student meets with program coordinator for guidance in selecting appropriate courses to fulfill the program's required Liberal Arts and/or Science electives.

*In addition to the courses listed below, students are required to complete two courses with the Anti-Racism Education attribute attached. These courses may be taken during any semester of their education. See advisor for more information.*

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AIT 103	Online Seminar	1
AIT 107	Computer Applications for Telecommunications	4
Arts and Sciences Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENG 201	Writing in the Disciplines	3-4
MCA 209	Understanding the Mass Media	3-4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6-8</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
MCA 185	Effective Public Relations	4
MCA 221	Professional Communication	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PAA 101	Public Administration and Its Environment	4
Arts and Sciences Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
CIT 231	Web Authoring and Digital Media	4
COM 361	Interpersonal Communication Among Cultures	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
PSY 260	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	4
COM 260	Communication Fundamentals	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
CMS 119	Organizational Communication	3
COM 200	Public Speaking	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Arts and Sciences Elective		3

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<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>58-60</b>

**\*Sample Course Schedule**