

WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY

COBE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the basic principles of public relations. Upon completion, the student will understand research, how to develop a public relations plan and how to evaluate its results. The course will also introduce students to the technologies utilized by today's public relations professionals. This is an elective.

MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:

Defining public relations.

Learning Objectives: The student will:

- A-1 Identify the activities that make up the day-to-day life of public relations practitioners
- A-2 Develop knowledge of systems theory, situational theory and conflict resolution
- A-3 Explain how the First Amendment applies to public relations
- A-4 Indicate why research is critical, what data should be collected and what techniques—informal and formal—can be utilized

GOAL B:

Demonstrate planning and strategy within public relations.

Learning Objectives: The student will:

- B-1 Describe the fundamental elements of public relations planning
- B-2 Describe how to construct messages and communicate them
- B-3 Determine how to evaluate a public relations program
- B-4 Distinguish the four dimensions that help predict what will work in the practice of public relations

GOAL C:

Evaluate the emerging and changing technology environment.

Learning Objectives: The student will:

- C-1 Evaluate the new technologies of Social Media, such as blogs, and the impact of the Internet
- C-2 Express how to foster positive relationships with media professionals
- C-3 Describe the elements of a basic media relations plan
- C-4 Delineate how a crisis should be handled in the media

GOAL D:

Interpret the role of public relations in the marketing mix.

Learning Objectives: The student will:

- D-1 Interpret the nature of guerilla tactics
- D-2 Identify the nature of public affairs within non-profit and business organizations
- D-3 Differentiate between a for-profit and non-profit organization, and understand the factors for becoming a successful representative of both