The breadth of the Communication Major enables students to enter a variety of fields and professions of interest. The related area, required within the major, allows students to identify their area of expertise within the communication discipline.

**Related Area Defined:** A related area consists of a minimum of 15 credits of courses and/or internship(s) whose content must be related to a communication student’s chosen future career, and/or graduate education plans. These credits are typically received through courses outside of the Communication Department.

**Related Area Categories:** Communication students may choose from one of the pre-determined categories of related areas from which to select courses (i.e. Public Relations/Advertising, Journalism/Applied Writing, Media Communication, Organizational Communication, Political and Social Communication, Pre-Law, Theatre and Performing Arts, and Health Communication).

If a student is entering a field or profession that is not represented in the Related Area Categories, the student may create a specialized related area in conjunction with their academic advisor. If a student elects this option, the student must complete the related area form, and submit a 2-3 page typed proposal, which provides a title for the related area and explains the rational for the suggested courses. That is, the student must make clear how the proposed related area (addressing each course) would help the student in their future career or with their graduate education plans. *The proposal must receive prior approval from your advisor.* Note, the typed proposal is *only* required if a student would like to deviate from the categories identified by the Department.

**Deadline:** The completed form should be submitted to your communication advisor. The form must be signed by you and your advisor, by the end fall semester of your Junior year. It is required by the Registrar’s office in order to complete an audit of your credits and approval for graduation.

**How to complete this form:** Please list the courses (including internship credits) that you agree will constitute your Related Area in Communication. To aid you in the completion of this form, please see the separate handout that list the Related Area categories in Communication (found at http://www.upj.pitt.edu/267/ or at the Humanities Division Office, 233 Biddle Hall).

**Students Note:**
- You may not list any course that fulfills a requirement within your Communication Major!
- You must receive prior approval from your advisor to take a course that is not listed on the Communication Related Area Handout.
- You should make a copy of this form for your records, as the form will be submitted to and retained by your advisor for your academic file. It is YOUR responsibility to keep a copy.
- If any changes are made to the contract, a new contract must be submitted for approval.
Related Area Contract
Communication Department

Student’s Name (Please Print): _______________________________________________________

Student ID Number: __________________________________________________________________

Please Select Related Area Category:
- Public Relations/Advertising
- Journalism/Applied Writing
- Media Communication
- Organizational Communication
- Political and Social Communication
- Pre-Law
- Theatre and Performing Arts
- Health Communication
- Digital Media
- Other: ______________________ (Please attach typed proposal if selecting other)

Please list courses selected for the Related Area:

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*For example, Introduction to Journalism would be listed as JOURNL 0053, Introduction to Journalism Fall (2013).

Student’s Signature: __________________________________ on: __________ (date)

Advisor’s Signature: ________________________________ on: __________ (date)