



Thank you to students for completing the survey for feedback regarding the Spring 2022 schedule. It's always difficult to balance everyone's preferences, but we are doing our best to provide a variety of delivery options in response to that feedback.

Many courses will be labelled hybrid and include asynchronous learning. This means instead of meeting at a set time for all of the normal face-to-face or Zoom class periods, students work independently to complete assignments. The schedule will be viewable for students on October 18 and registration starts November 8th. We are dedicating the week of November 1-5 for advising.

This is the October edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more.

## What's Happening

### October

**October 8**—Deadline to apply for graduation in order to have name in commencement program

**October 18-20 (M-W), 10-2, Room 323 Donut Dash: Race to the Finish (90 credits)**—We want to celebrate students who have completed 90 credits. Come to a “runner's fair” to get a donut and learn about resources to get you across the finish line.

**October 18**—Spring 2022 schedule viewable for students

**November 1-5 Advising Week**—Themed Shark Week, events planned to learn more about the Communication Department and registering for Spring 2022 classes

## Announcements

The Public Relations & Advertising emphasis area was ranked as one of the Top 20 programs for Public Relations in the U.S. by [Best Value Schools](#). The rankings were determined by cost of tuition, student-to-faculty ratio, and graduation rate. Weber State was the only university in Utah to be ranked.

## Students

WSU Diversity Conference, October 1

Speech Team members: Akir Rowe, Rebecca Baggett, Rae Alder, and Kyle Housely presented in a two-part session titled: "Why diversity matters"

## Faculty Accomplishments

Ryan Cheek has an article accepted for publication:

Cheek, R., Clem, S., & Edenfield, A. (in press). Trans\* vulnerability and digital research ethics: a qubit ethical analysis of transparency activism. *Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> ACM International Conference on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '21)*, October 12-14. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3472714.3473628>.

Nicole Defenbaugh has 1 article accepted for publication and 2 upcoming conference presentations: Accepted article in *Medical Science Educator* entitled, "Autonomous Motivation in Graduate Medical Education: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of the Developmental Trajectory of Autonomous Motivation in Graduate Medical Learners"

Performance presentation at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG) entitled, "Witnessing Life, Death, and Compassion in Healthcare." Workshop presentation at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH) entitled, "The Use of Narrative-Exchange Sessions (NES) to Learn Interpersonal and Interdisciplinary Communication Skills and Address Healthcare Burnout"

WSU Diversity Conference, October 1

Hailey Gillen-Hoke and Sarah Steimel presented a session titled: "Trigger warnings, safe spaces, and academic freedom: Navigating sensitive issues in the university classroom"

Mark Galaviz presented a two-part session titled: "Why diversity matters with WSU Speech Team"

Jean Norman moderated a session titled: "Race as a journalistic conflict of interest"

## Get Involved

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