

**Curriculum Change Form**  
**(Present only one proposed curriculum change per form)**  
**(Complete only the section(s) applicable.)**

**Part I**

(Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid Course ("S," "W") <input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III) <input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)	Department Name College *Course Prefix & Number *Course Title (30 characters) *Program Title *Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.	Communication Business & Technology  Public Relations BA (Major <u>  x  </u> , Option <u>  </u> ; Minor <u>  </u> ; or Certificate <u>  </u> )
Proposal Approved by:		
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Date</u>
Departmental Committee	10/30/09	Graduate Council* N/A
<i>Is this a SACS Substantive Change?</i> <b>Yes****</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
College Curriculum Committee	11/16/2009	Council on Academic Affairs Approved <u>  x  </u> Disapproved <u>  </u> 12/17/09
General Education Committee*	N/A	Faculty Senate**
Teacher Education Committee*	N/A	Board of Regents** Council on Postsecondary Edu.***
*If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.) **Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs ***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program ****If "yes", SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact EKU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.		

**Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)**

**A. 1. Specific action requested:** (Example: To increase the number of credit hours for ABC 100 from 1 to 2.)  
 Change the number of hours required to graduate from 128 to 120 in PUB BA Degree by reducing the number of free electives.

**A. 2. Effective date:** (Example: Fall 2001)  
 Fall 2010

**A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students:** (if applicable)  
 N/A

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**B. The justification for this action:**

Widespread discussions have occurred across Eastern Kentucky University's campus regarding the need for students to be able to graduate with a basic undergraduate degree in 4 years by taking a full load (15 credits/semester). This action within the Public Relations program would align us with many of our peers nationally who are seeking to achieve the same outcome. We are able to make this change while maintaining the integrity of our program. By reducing free electives by 8 credit hours and maximizing the material in the major classes students will be able to achieve this goal.

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**C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:**

**Personnel Impact:**  
 None

**Operating Expenses Impact:**  
 None

**Equipment/Physical Facility Needs:**  
 None

**Library Resources:**  
 None