COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR
Department of Communication
(Ref. #792)

The Department of Communication offers a broad spectrum of educational programs that prepare students for successful careers that require excellent communication skills. The department supports the concept that a broad-based liberal arts curriculum is essential for a well-rounded education.

The Communication Studies curriculum promotes the responsible use of communication as a tool for understanding in a variety of situations: one-to-one, small group, public, organizational, intercultural and mass mediated settings. This major also prepares students for graduate work in speech and for a variety of professional fields. Students are encouraged to seek, second majors and minors in fields such as Government, English, Political Science, History, Religious Studies, Psychology, Teaching and many more.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:
Minimum GPA of 2.3; complete COMM 145 or COMM 161 and ENG 100 with a grade of “C” or better.

CURRICULUM:
- The major requires a minimum of **30 hours** and leads to a Bachelor of Arts Degree.
- A minor or second major outside the department is required along with completion of General Education Classes. (Work with an Advisor to select your minor or second major).
- COMM 263 (will fulfill Category E of General Education requirements).
- All major courses must be completed with a grade of ‘C’ or higher.

REQUIRED COURSES:
- COMM 148 Interpersonal Communication
- BCOM 201 Process & Effects of Mass Communication
- COMM 247 Voice and Diction
- COMM 341 Theories of Communication
- COMM 345 Advanced Public Speaking (SCOM 145 or 161)
- COMM 494 Capstone in Communication

**One of the following:**
- COMM 349 Group Decision Making
- COMM 461 Organizational Communication

**One of the following:**
- COMM 240 Critical Listening
- COMM 343 Speech Analysis/Speech Writing

**Two additional courses** chosen in consultation with Advisor from any course not selected in above or from following list:
- COMM 245 Argumentation & Debate
- COMM 249 Oral Interpretation of Literature
- COMM 346 Persuasion
- COMM 460 Organizational Interviewing
- COMM 463 Intercultural Communication
- COMM 488 Seminar in Political Communication
- COMM 489 Cooperative Education in Communication
- COMM 495 Independent Study in Communication
- COMM 142-444 Forensic Practicum (up to 3 hrs in these 1 hr Practicum courses)