COMMUNICATION STUDIES MINOR
Department of Communication
(Ref. #480)

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 student.

The minor in Communication Studies promotes the understanding and responsible use of communication in a variety of situations, such as: interpersonal, small group, public, organizational, intercultural, and mass mediated. This minor will be of benefit to students in a variety of professional fields such as Government, English, Political Science, History, Religious Studies, Psychology, Business, Education, and many more.

The minor requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. At least 12 hours must be taken in courses numbered 300 or above. All courses within the minor must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: COMM 200 will be a pre-requisite for ALL 400-level courses (or instructor permission).
      COMM 300 will be a co-requisite or pre-requisite for all 400-level courses or 400 level courses can be taken with instructor permission.

Communication Core Courses (15 hours)
COMM 200: Communication Foundations (COMM 145/161)  
COMM 345: Advanced Public Speaking (COMM 145/161)  
COMM 348: Interpersonal Communication  
COMM 362: Organizational Communication  
COMM 463: Intercultural Communication

ELECTIVES (9 HOURS)
At least one course from each of the following areas; 6 hours at the 300-400 level.

Organizational Communication:
• COMM 330: Leadership Communication  
• COMM 349: Small Group Communication  
• COMM 462: Advanced Organizational Communication (COMM 362)

Interpersonal Communication:
• COMM 240: Critical Listening  
• COMM 374: Gender Communication  
• COMM 448: Advanced Interpersonal Communication (COMM 348)  
• COMM 450: Family Communication (COMM 348)

Public Communication:
• COMM 245: Argumentation & Debate  
• COMM 247: Voice and Diction  
• COMM 343: Speech Analysis/Writing (COMM 145/161)  
• COMM 346: Persuasion  
• COMM 388: Political Communication

Students may opt to substitute COMM 300: Introduction to Communication Research Methods in fulfillment of a Communication Elective.

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