

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)