

Communication

COM 101H Principles of Public Speaking

A study of effective extemporaneous speaking emphasizing informative and persuasive speaking. Special attention is given to the development of competent speakers. A competent speaker is a person that is able to compose a message and provide ideas and information suitable to the topic, purpose, and audience and transmit the message by using delivery skills suitable to the topic, purpose, and audience. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 199 Special Topics

See All-university course description.

COM 200G Global and Intercultural Communication

A study of human communication across cultures focusing on the variables that influence interaction when members of different cultures come together. The course considers the basic concepts of intercultural communication with attention to cultural stereotypes, prejudice, and ethnocentrism. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 220S Interpersonal Communication

A study of the major approaches, models, theories and research on dyadic and small group communication. Focus will be on topics such as verbal and nonverbal communication, competent listening, situation analysis, relationship management, conflict management, and self-disclosure in personal and professional relationships. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 225S Small Group and Organizational Communication

A review of the development of organizational communication theory and how application of that theory adds to our understanding of organizations as information systems. Topics include information flow, organizational structures, formal and informal networks, organizational cultures, and external and internal organizational communication. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 227H Persuasion and Argumentation

This course provides an introduction to principles of persuasion and argumentation. Students will learn how to construct and critique persuasive messages and arguments in both written and oral formats. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 290 Communication Practicum

Open to majors and minors wishing to pursue an on-campus project in communications. Course work involves active participation in a performance-oriented project typically on campus. Students may count a maximum of four semester hours in any practicum toward graduation requirements. Registration for practicum hours requires completion of an application form. Graded S or U. Prerequisites: 16 hours of Communication Department Credit and permission of instructor. 1-4 Semester Hours.

COM 305 Communication Study Travel Seminar

A faculty led trip to national or international locations for the purpose of studying a topic or even firsthand from a communication perspective. Students are expected to attend orientation sessions, complete required readings and develop a research proposal before the trip. During the trip students will keep a journal and collect data for their project which is to be completed upon return. Prerequisites: permission of instructor. 1-4 Semester Hours.

COM 325 Leadership and Team Communication

The course explores the relationship between communication and leadership within organizations to develop specific communication competencies associated with effective leadership. This is accomplished by considering both theoretical and applied approaches to leadership communication. The relationship between leaders and followers and the communication approaches used to develop and maintain that relationship are studied. Prerequisite: sophomore standing or above. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 380G Gender, Sexuality, and Communication

An examination of how communication and sexuality structures identities, and how gender affects communication. Explorations prerequisite: Successful completion of all four Foundations courses or the Raider Foundations Portfolio. Explorations credit may only be earned for a course if this prerequisite is completed prior to the commencement of the course. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 386G Public Advocacy for Social Justice

This course offers a critical analysis of persuasive discourse advanced in U.S. social movements such as but not limited to the abolitionist movement, civil rights movement, Native American rights movement, women's rights movements, LBGT rights movement, peace movement and labor movement. Persuasive strategies used by those advocating change as well as those opposing change will be considered. Emphasis is placed on the rhetorical strategies employed in representative texts. Prerequisites: COM 227H recommended. Explorations prerequisite: Successful completion of all four Foundations courses or the Raider Foundations

Portfolio. Explorations credit may only be earned for a course if this prerequisite is completed prior to the commencement of the course. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 440 Political Communication

This course examines the role rhetoric and the media play in constructing and shaping a variety of political messages and citizen perceptions of politics. Topics include the nature of political rhetoric, campaign discourses, media coverage of campaign discourses, congressional and presidential oratory and media ethics. The course aims to sharpen students' critical skills in analyzing and evaluating political rhetoric and media coverage of political campaigns. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 490 Communication Studies Senior Seminar

A senior seminar that culminates in either (1) a creative project or (2) research paper focusing on a creative, historical, descriptive, legal, or critical aspect of communication or mass media. Synthesis is stressed. Required of all seniors. Prerequisites: junior standing. 4 Semester Hours.

COM 494 Honors Thesis/Project

See All-University 494 course description.