

# Communication Program

## Purpose Statement

The mission of the communication department is to prepare competent communicators by providing students a foundation in communication theory and practice that will enhance their personal, civic, and professional lives.

Students who complete the communication major can expect to develop

- the ability to express audience-centered messages clearly in both speaking and writing.
- confidence and competence in speaking encounters whether for public presentations or for building interpersonal and professional relationships.
- strategies for overcoming communication barriers.
- media literacy including knowledge about how media are created and how media affect how we communicate.

Students who complete the digital media major with the communication emphasis will develop competence in

- the ability to express audience-centered messages clearly in both speaking and writing.
- obtaining still images, audio, and video, and combining these media with text to tell stories effectively.
- designing, laying out, and publishing content online and in print.
- media literacy including knowledge about how media are created and how media affect how we communicate.

## Communication Major

**G-CM 120** Introduction to Human Communication (3 hours)

**\*G-CM 130** Interpersonal Communication (3 hours)

**CM 135** Media Writing (3 hours)

**G-CM 140** Public Speaking (3 hours)

**CM 210** Podcasting: Audio/Video Production (3 hours)

**G-AR 220** Graphic Design for non-art majors (3 hours)

**\*G-CM 221** Intercultural Communication (3 hours)

**G-MA 221** Elementary Applied Statistics (4 hours)

**CM 240** Gender Communication (3 hours)

**CM 305** Editing (3 hours)

**CM 310** Public Relations (3 hours)

**\*EN 313** Advanced Expository Writing (3 hours)

**CM 315** Communication Practica (2 hours)

**CM 325** Conflict Communication (3 hours)

**CM 330** Persuasion and Social Influence (3 hours)

**CM 350** Web Design I (3 hours)

**CM 375** Junior Seminar in Communication (1 hour)

**\*CM 475A** Senior Seminar in Communication Research (2 hours)

**\*CM 475B** Senior Project in Communication (1 hour)

*Total: 52 hours*

## Digital Media Major

All students completing the digital media major must complete the core courses (25 credit hours). They will then elect to complete the courses in either the communication **or** the visual design emphasis.

### Core Courses

**AR 130** Design Software (2 hours)

**AR 205** Video Editing & Production (2 hours)

**AR 230** Graphic Design I (3 hours)

**CM 330** Persuasion and Social Influence (3 hours)

**AR 335** Moving Image Software (3 hours)

**CM 350/AR 340** Web Design I (3 hours)

**CM 360** Videography I (3 hours)

**CM 440/AR 450** Web Design II (3 hours)

**CM 410** Videography II (3 hours)

*Total: 25 hours*

**Choose one area of emphasis:**

**Communication Emphasis**

**G-CM 120** Introduction to Human Communications (3 hours)  
**CM 135** Media Writing (3 hours)  
**CM 210** Podcasting: Audio/Video Production (3 hours)  
**CM 220** Special Topics in Popular Culture (3 hours)  
**G-CM 221** Intercultural Communication (3 hours)  
**CM 305** Editing (3 hours)  
**EN 315** Expository Writing (3 hours)  
**CM 315** Communication Practica (2 hours)  
**CM 310** Public Relations and Social Media Campaign (3 hours)  
**CM 375** Junior Seminar (1 hour)  
**CM 475A** Senior Seminar in Communication Research (2 hours)  
**CM 475B** Senior Project in Communication (1 hour)

*Total: 30 hours*

**OR:**

**Visual Design Emphasis**

**AR 103** Elementary Design (3 hours)  
**AR 203** Photography I (2 hours)  
**AR 235** Graphic Design II (3 hours)  
**AR 260** UX/UI Prototyping (2 hours)  
**AR 265** UX/UI Application (2 hours)  
**AR 303** Photography II (3 hours)  
**AR 320** Typography/Logo Branding (2 hours)  
**AR 330** Graphic Design III (3 hours)  
**AR 333** Commercial Photography I (3 hours)  
**AR 475G** Graphic Design IV (3 hours)  
**AR 470** Graphic Design Senior Show (1 hour)

*Total: 27 hours*

**Suggested Supporting Courses for either emphasis**

**BA 221** Marketing  
**BA 322** Advertising and Promotion  
**BA 327** Consumer Behavior  
**BA 427** Marketing Research  
**ET 101** Creativity and Innovation

**Competency Exam**

Students who plan to major in communication, or the communication emphasis of the digital media major, must pass a writing competency exam. This exam will be offered in the spring semester, before pre-enrollment for the fall. Transfer students will take the exam early in their first semester at the college. Students who fail the exam may re-take it after participating in guided study and practice of writing.

**Communication Minor**

A minor in communication consists of **G-CM 120** Introduction to Human Communication (3 hours), and any other 17 hours of communication courses. Communication practica may make up no more than four hours of coursework in the minor.