**COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (FALL 2020)**

**Requirements for a Major: 48 units**

**Foundation: 16 units**
- COM 006 Messages, Meaning, and Culture*  
- COM 015 Public Speaking*  
- COM 098 Introduction to Communication Research [pre-requisite: any COM course]  
- COM 101 Theories of Rhetoric and Communication I [pre-requisite: COM 006]*

**Relationships & Conflicts (4 units, choose one)**
- COM 110 Interpersonal Communication  
- COM 127 Group Communication and Leadership  
- COM 133 Conflict and Reconciliation  
- COM 134 Conflict and Reconciliation Case Studies (off campus program)*

**Discourse & Society (4 units, choose one)**
- COM 125 Media and Mass Communication [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 135 Studies in Public Discourse [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 145 Organizational Communication [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 138 International Rhetoric*

**Reasoning & Writing (8 units, choose two)**
- COM 103 Communication Criticism* [pre-requisites: COM 006 and any research methods course]  
- COM 130 Argumentation and Advocacy  
- COM 140 Studies in Communication Ethics  
- ENG 104 Modern Grammar and Advanced Composition

**Electives (12 units of the following not taken above)**
- COM 102 Theories of Rhetoric and Communication II [pre-requisites: COM 006 and COM 101]  
- COM 103 Communication Criticism* [pre-requisites: COM 006 and any research methods course]  
- COM 107 Focus on Film – 1 unit (may be repeated up to 3x as topics vary)  
- COM 110 Interpersonal Communication  
- COM 115 Advanced Public Speaking [pre-requisite: COM 015]  
- COM 125 Media and Mass Communication [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 127 Group Communication and Leadership  
- COM 128 Facilitating Deliberation and Dialogue – 2 units [pre-requisite: permission of instructor]  
- COM 129 Persuasion and Propaganda  
- COM 130 Argumentation and Advocacy  
- COM 133 Conflict and Reconciliation  
- COM 134 Conflict and Reconciliation Case Studies (off campus program)*  
- COM 135 Studies in Public Discourse [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 140 Studies in Communication Ethics  
- COM 138 International Rhetoric*  
- COM 145 Organizational Communication [pre-requisite: any research methods course]  
- COM 148 Postmodern Narratives  
- COM 190 Internship [pre-requisites: COM 006 and COM 098; up to 4 units]  
- COM 195 Special topics [May be taken more than once as topics change]  
- COM 198 Independent Research

**Senior Capstone Experience: (4 units, choose one)**
- COM 191 Senior Capstone Internship [pre-requisite: senior standing or instructor approval for early grads]  
- COM 196 Senior Seminar [pre-requisite: senior standing or instructor approval for early grads]  
- COM 197 Senior Capstone Research  
- COM 199 Major Honors Thesis [pre-requisites: senior standing; honors standing; proposal due April of Junior Year]

**Global Communication (complete at least one)**
- Academic Study Abroad experience of at least one month (Mexico, Europe, etc.)  
- Advanced or Intermediate (Level II) Modern Foreign Language (Spanish, German, French, Arabic, etc.)  
- COM 138 International Rhetoric  
- Westmont in San Francisco

* Also fulfills GE requirement (see catalog)  
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Advising Nuggets

First Year
• COM-006 (also meets GE “Understanding Society” requirement)
• COM-015 (also meets GE “Writing/Speech Intensive” requirement)

Spring of First Year or Fall of Second Year:
• COM-098 (must have completed COM-006)
• Review Off Campus Program Plans

Fall of Junior or Senior Year:
COM-101 (only offered in fall semesters)

Spring of Junior Year:
• Plan for Senior Capstone (Senior Seminar, Senior Capstone Internship, or Senior Capstone Research)
• Research Proposals (for Senior Capstone Research and Major Honors - Due Spring of Junior Year)

Senior Year:
• Complete Capstone Course
• Finalize Resume

Citing Sources in Communication Studies Courses

All courses will require sources to be cited in one of two formats. See online guides, librarians, or reference guides in Library.
• MLA (Modern Language Association); or
• APA (American Psychological Association)

Technology Tips

• Ask before recording class if it’s appropriate. Sometimes it’s not.
• Turn off your phones before coming to class, or at least put them in airplane or silent mode. Some good communication principles when using phones, tablets, computers: Privilege those in your presence.
• Ask before posting photos or comments of your fellow students and professors in online and social media venues.
• We have a Facebook page and a LinkedIn page for majors and minors in communication studies. Join us!

Professor and Advisor Availability

We look forward to talking with you about your academic program plans, your career aspirations, your off-campus program ideas, and how you’re doing in class. Each professor posts office hours. These are times when professors are in their offices waiting for you to come in. During busy times, such as enrolling for courses the following semester, appointments must be made (usually done online) to be sure everyone gets in for some advising. But most other times in the year office hours are open for you to come in. If your schedule prevents you from coming to posted office hours, ask to make an appointment. You might also consider using the “Take a Professor to Lunch” program offered through the Student Life office. Bottom Line: Be Proactive! Seek out your advisor and your professors.