



Exploring the World of Interpersonal Communication

- ◆ What are the most effective strategies for face-to-face and small group communication?
- ◆ How do you interpret the nonverbal behaviors you see and hear during the act of communication?
- ◆ How do you help a couple who can't listen to one another come to interact more effectively?
- ◆ How do families utilize storytelling as a way to establish and reinforce family identity and culture?

Examine the answers to these questions and more with a Minor in Interpersonal Communication.

Whether you are concerned about personal communication with friends and loved ones or interpersonal communication in a business setting, interpersonal communication is an excellent minor for students interested in understanding and improving their interpersonal communication skills and knowledge.

Students can study communication in families, personal relationships, and across the life span. Not all interpersonal communication is done in traditional face-to-face settings. Students also have the opportunity to learn about the role of the Internet, social networking sites, text messaging, and other new media forms in the interpersonal communication process.

This is an excellent minor for students interested in sales, human resources, counseling, or teaching.



Founded in 1910, today Kent State University's eight-campus system is among the largest regional systems in the country. Kent State is also recognized internationally as one of the premiere Ohio universities.

Kent State is ranked among the nation's 77 public research universities demonstrating high-research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Times Higher Education, ranked Kent State as one of the top 200 universities in the world in for two consecutive years in 2010 and 2011.

Kent State was also noted in the first-tier list of Best National Universities in the 2012 edition of Best Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, and was recently ranked among the top 500 universities according to the 2011 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Minor in INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION at Kent State University



Communication Studies also offers a major in interpersonal communication as well as majors and minors in several other areas of concentration, including applied communication, global communication, health communication, public communication, and organizational communication.

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18-Credit Minor Flexible and Adaptable Available through the School of Communication Studies



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Interpersonal Communication Minor Degree Requirements and Course Descriptions

The Interpersonal Communication Minor is an 18-credit program with a minimum 2.25 GPA required in the minor for graduation.

Complete the Following Three Core Courses

15000 **Intro. Human Communication**

An inquiry into the nature and function of human communication in interpersonal, group, and public contexts. This course may be used to satisfy the liberal education requirements (LER).

25902 **Communication Theory**

Study of the process of human communication. Emphasis on source, message, channel and receiver dimensions of communication. Examination of major theories of communication, and social influence.

20001 **Interpersonal Communication**

Introduction to human interpersonal communication. Components and structures, situations and contexts are described; non-evaluative focus with emphasis on information experience.

Complete Any Three of the Following Courses Listed Below

35600 **Comm. in Small Groups & Teams**

Focuses on the application and practices of group communication skills and techniques applied to goal-oriented small group situations. Subtopics include relating in groups and teams, managing conflict in groups and teams, leadership in groups and teams, and problem-solving in groups and teams.

36505 **Communication, Aging, & Culture**

Examination of the roles of aging and culture on human communication. Subtopics include cultural orientations, linguistics, stereotypes and aging, intergenerational relationships, and communication across cultures.

40001 **Advanced Interpersonal Comm.**

Advanced treatment of interpersonal communication theory and research. Interpersonal principles are applied to group and organizational contexts.

45957 **Language, Meaning, & Cognition**

Overview of language use in social contexts, including basic components of language production, semantics, pragmatics, the production and comprehension of sentences, message production, message comprehension, language and society, and differences in language use.

45959 **Nonverbal Communication**

Survey of theory and research in nonverbal codes of communication through readings, field study, and classroom interaction.

46601 **Relational Communication**

Provides an exploration of theory and research about the interactions among individuals in relationships. Subtopics of the course include communication and the development, maintenance, and dissolution of personal relationships, individual differences in relationships, and relational processes, qualities, and outcomes.

46605 **Comm. Across the Life Span**

Explores common life stages and the transition of communication within and between these different stages of development. Subtopics of the course include life span communication and family, friendships, social and gender role development, interpersonal conflict management, and the use of varied communication technologies.

46608 **Family Communication**

Examines interactions among individuals in families. Subtopics of the course include family communication and storytelling, identity, roles, rules, conflict, intimacy, stress, external influences, and the media.

Why Study Interpersonal Communication?

Interpersonal Communication is one of the longest standing concentrations in the School of Communication Studies. For more than 20 years, the program has attracted students choosing to study interpersonal dynamics.

The minor extends the coursework within the popular Communication Studies major degree concentration for students who wish to develop greater expertise in interpersonal communication.

The most recent job outlook statistics from the National Association for Colleges and Employers rank effective communication skills as the most important job characteristic employers consider when making hiring decisions, ranking above even technical skills.

Greater competence and training in Interpersonal Communication will allow you to work more effectively in a wide range of situations and to meet industry demands with more training in Interpersonal Communication theory, research, and skill development.

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