

Kent State University

Course Descriptions

Fall 2015 Undergraduate and Graduate Courses

Communication Studies

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COMM 15000 - INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION

An inquiry into the nature and function of human communication in interpersonal, group and public contexts.

Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Kent Core-Additional, LER-Additional Course, TAG - Communication, Trnfr Module-Composition

COMM 20000 - FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION

The foundations of communication studies course serves as an introduction to the major. Provides an introduction to communication studies faculty, research and the major concentrations of the school; highlights possible careers in communication studies; and introduces possible ways students can supplement curriculum efforts through involvement. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 20001 - INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Introduction to human interpersonal communication. Components and structures situations and contexts are described nonevaluative focus with emphasis on informal experience. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

TAG - Communication

COMM 21000 - COMMUNICATION GRAMMAR REVIEW

Designed to increase grammar, punctuation, spelling and syntax skills and proficiency. Students must earn a grade of C (2.000) or better in this course to fulfill the grammar requirement. Does not count toward communication studies (COMM) course requirements. Prerequisite: None.

1.000 Credit hours

1.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 21008 - SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES

(Cross-listed with JMC 21008) Designed to help students understand and use social media in critical and strategic ways that will improve their lives and careers. Helps students harness the power and potential of the social Web, including strategies used to position and market organizations as well as individuals. Exposes students to the latest social-media applications and to critical views of social media's impact on business, society and culture. Students are also introduced to interaction perspectives of social media, which are embedded within both the communication studies and the journalism and mass communication curriculum. Students emerge from the class with a strategic plan designed to enhance their lives and their careers.

Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 25464 - ARGUMENTATION

Introduction to principles of oral and written argumentation. Prerequisite: COMM 15000.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 25863 - BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Fundamentals of public and conference speaking, conducting meetings, electronic presentations, interviewing and interpersonal relations as applied to business and organizational settings. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 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. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

TAG - Communication

COMM 26000 - CRITICISM OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE

A critical examination of selected public speeches representing diverse viewpoints on a variety of historic and contemporary issues, emphasizing methods of evaluating public oral communication and the role of speechmaking in free societies. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Diversity Course-Domestic, Kent Core-Humanities, LER-Humanities, Trnfr Module-Humanities

COMM 26001 - PUBLIC COMMUNICATION IN SOCIETY

Examines communication in public settings. Content includes issues in mass media, political communication and political advertising, news, crisis communication, public opinion, and communication in executive, legislative and judicial settings. Students explore the influence of mediated messages via application of mass communication theories and constructs. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 26501 - INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH COMMUNICATION

Introduction to the roles of communication in health, health and risk behavior, health care, and health promotion, including interpersonal, organizational and media contexts. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 30000 - COMMUNICATION RESEARCH METHODS

Introduction to qualitative and quantitative research methods in communication. Students should complete this course early in their program of study. Prerequisite: COMM 25902; cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 35550 - SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION

An examination of group communication in social and family contexts throughout the life-span. Prerequisite: cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

TAG - Communication

COMM 35600 - COMMUNICATION IN SMALL GROUPS AND TEAMS

Focuses on the application and practice of group communication skills and techniques applied to goal-oriented small group situations. The course explores communication theory and research about small groups and teams,

relating in group and teams, managing conflict in groups and teams, leadership in groups and teams, and problem-solving in groups and teams. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 35852 - INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Theory and application of communication between people of different cultures and different national systems.

Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Diversity Course-Global

COMM 35860 - INTERVIEWING

Techniques, principles and practical skills for interviews most likely to occur in business environments; job searches and selection interviews, information-gathering interviews, performance appraisals, counseling interviews and persuasive interviews. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 35864 - ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Application of communication theory to organizational settings. Exploration of communication structures processes and methods in organizations. Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 20000; and pass the Grammar Test with a 680 or better or have a minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 21000; and a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Writing Intensive Course

COMM 35912 - GENDER AND COMMUNICATION

Explores how gender is socially constructed in everyday communicative interactions and institutional contexts, including close relationships, organizations, school settings and the media. In the process, this course uncovers how the social construction of gender perpetuates power imbalances in society. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Diversity Course-Domestic

COMM 36501 - COMMUNICATION IN HEALTH CARE

Examination of the dynamics of communication in health care settings, including provider-patient interaction, using communication theory, research and health advocacy skills across a variety of health care contexts.

Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 36505 - COMMUNICATION, AGING AND CULTURE

Examination of the roles of aging and culture on human communication. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 40001 - ADVANCED INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Advanced treatment of interpersonal communication theory and research. Interpersonal principles are applied to group and organizational contexts. Prerequisite: COMM 20001 and minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 20000; and pass the Grammar Test with a 680 or better or have a minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 21000; and a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Writing Intensive Course

COMM 41000 - SPORTS COMMUNICATION

An examination of the inter-relationship between sports and communication in today's society. Students discuss and examine sports through communication lenses (groups, interpersonal, media/mediated, and organizational). Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 42000 - MEDIA, WAR AND PROPAGANDA

Examines the influence of TV, movies, and media images of war, the war effort and portrayals of enemies, protesters and anti-war groups on communication research, including mass communication and persuasion.

Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 43000 - COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN INTERACTION

Aims to help students develop a critical understanding of diverse newer media and how they are used, and affect human interaction. In achieving this goal, students are expected to learn how newer media are different from and similar to face-to-face communication or traditional mass media, newer media's social and psychological effects on human interactions, and theoretical frameworks explaining these media. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45006 - MEDIA USE AND EFFECTS

The course examines the ways in which communication scholars have conceptualized and analyzed media processes, uses and effects. We explore such issues as media portrayals, news coverage, political campaigns, sex and violence in the media, media entertainment, children and television, and newer communication technologies. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45007 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Cross-listed with COMM 55007) Examines historic and contemporary instances relating to freedom of speech; study of limits, rights, responsibilities and socio-legal-rhetorical issues. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45091 - SEMINAR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for a maximum of 9 credit hours) Examination of selected communication topics/areas and related research. Prerequisite: none.
1.000 TO 4.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule Types: [Seminar](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45092 - INTERNSHIP IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for credit) A formal, cooperative field experience with a designated organization or agency as designed by the students and the internship coordinator. Prerequisite: cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better; COMM 20000 with a grade of C (2.000) or better; and junior standing.
3.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours
21.000 TO 42.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule Types: [Practicum or Internship](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:
Experiential Learning Requirem

COMM 45093 - VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) No more than three credits may be counted as part of the upper-division credits required in the communication major. Prerequisite: None.
1.000 TO 5.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 5.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule Types: [Workshop](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45095 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 55095 and COMM 75095) Offered when unusual resources permit a topic different from existing courses. Topic will be announced when scheduled. Prerequisite: None.
1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 6.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45196 - INDEPENDENT STUDY:COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours) Readings and/or research on problems approved by undergraduate coordinator in consultation with student's adviser and faculty project director. Prerequisite: cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better; and COMM 20000 with a minimum grade of C (2.000); and junior standing; and special approval.

1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours

6.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Individual Investigation](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45459 - COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT

(Slashed with COMM 55459) Examination of issues related to managing conflict in communication. Critique and synthesis of conceptual approaches and research pertaining to conflict in interpersonal, organizational and public communication settings. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45766 - COMMUNICATION IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY

Offers a broad-based treatment of a variety of topics in our "globalizing" world from the standpoint of communication. Considers the importance of communication on multiple levels of the international landscape, ranging from the very ways globalization is defined and framed to new communication media and networks, to campaigns and debates about global issues, and including the transformation of organizational and institutional relationships as well as local-to-global interactions. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45807 - HIGH IMPACT PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING

Principles and practices of effective communication in a variety of professional contexts. Emphasis on professional presentation skills development. Prerequisite: COMM 15000 and junior standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45865 - ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Theory and application of diagnosing communication problems in an organization and the intervention process.

Prerequisite: COMM 35864.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45902 - COMMUNICATION AND INFLUENCE

Explores theories and strategies of social influence in contemporary society. Students discuss and critique influential communication practices such as interpersonal persuasion, product and services advertisements, social movements and political messages. Course addresses global perspectives on persuasion. Prerequisite: COMM 25902; and minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 20000; and minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA; and Grammar test with minimum score of 680 or COMM 21000 with a minimum of C (2.000) grade.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Writing Intensive Course

COMM 45957 - LANGUAGE, MEANING AND COGNITION

Overview of language use in social contexts, including basic components of language production; semantics; pragmatics (speech acts); the production and comprehension of sentences; message production; message comprehension; language and society (conversational rules; coherence); individual differences in language use (adaptive ability, gender differences); powerful vs. powerless speech; and intercultural considerations.

Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45959 - NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION

Survey of theory and research in nonverbal codes of communication through readings, field study and classroom interaction. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 45960 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 55960) Examines communication processes and research related to health and health care from the perspectives of public, professional and primary discourses. Prerequisite: None.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 46091 - SENIOR SEMINAR

Capstone course helps students synthesize major coursework. Students complete a career exploration project, examine ethics and issues in communication and also do a portfolio of their achievements. Prerequisites:

Minimum grade of C (2.000) in COMM 20000; and a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better; and senior standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Seminar](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Experiential Learning Requirem

COMM 46092 - PRACTICUM IN APPLIED COMMUNICATION

A formal cooperative field experience with a designated organization or agency, as designed by the student and the practicum director. Pre/corequisites: cumulative GPA of 2.000 or better; and COMM 20000 with a minimum grade of C (2.000) or better; and COMM 35864; and JMC 20005; and VCD 37000; and senior standing; and special approval.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Other hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Practicum or Internship](#)

Communication Studies Department

Course Attributes:

Experiential Learning Requirem

COMM 46503 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

Investigation of health messages in traditional and new media, including both incidental communication and planned campaigns. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 46507 - EVERYDAY INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH

Examination of the roles of everyday interpersonal communication in physical and psychosocial health and risk behavior. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 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; relationships across the life span; individual differences in relationships and relational processes, qualities, and outcomes. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 46605 - COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Explores common life stages (childhood, youth, midlife, and old age) and the transitioning of communication within and between these different stages of development. Sub-topics include life span communication and: family, friendships, social and gender role development, interpersonal conflict management, and the use of varied communication technologies facilitating human interaction across the life span. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 46608 - FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Examines the interactions among individuals in families. Sub-topics of the course include family communication and storytelling, identity, rules, conflict, intimacy, stress, external influences on family communication, and family communication and the media. Prerequisite: none.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55007 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Cross-listed with COMM 45007) Examines historic and contemporary instances relating to freedom of speech; study of limits, rights, responsibilities and socio-legal-rhetorical issues. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55093 - VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for credit) Variable topic workshop in communication studies. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Workshop

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55095 - SPECIAL TOPICS

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 45095 and COMM 75095) Offered when resources permit a topic different from existing courses. Topic will be announced when scheduled. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

1.000 TO 4.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 4.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55459 - COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT

(Cross-listed with COMM 45459) Examination of issues related to managing conflict in communication. Critique and synthesis of conceptual approaches and research pertaining to conflict in interpersonal, organizational and public communication settings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55766 - COMMUNICATION IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY

(Cross-listed with COMM 45766) Offers a broad-based treatment of a variety of topics in our "globalizing" world from the standpoint of communication. Considers the importance of communication on multiple levels of the international landscape, ranging from the very ways globalization is defined and framed to new communication media and networks, to campaigns and debates about global issues, and including the transformation of organizational and institutional relationships as well as local-to-global interactions. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 55960 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 45960) Examines communication processes and research related to health and health care from the perspectives of public, professional and primary discourses. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 60199 - THESIS I

Thesis student must register for a total of 6 hours, 2 to 6 hours in a single semester or distributed over several semesters if desired. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

2.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours

2.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Masters Thesis](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 60299 - THESIS II

Thesis students must continue registration each semester until all degree requirements are met. Prerequisite: COMM 60199 and graduate standing.

2.000 Credit hours

2.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Masters Thesis](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 61198 - MASTERS PROJECT IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

One of the non-thesis options for graduation. Students propose a theory-driven applied research project on a communicative phenomenon or issue. The final written paper is evaluated by the students' academic advisor and the Graduate Coordinator to deem satisfactory for graduation. Prerequisites: COMM 65000 and COMM 65020 and COMM 65652.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Research](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 64092 - MASTERS INTERNSHIP IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

One of the non-thesis options for graduation. Students choose and secure an internship position with a designated organization or agency that requires the student to utilize communication skills and knowledge. Students complete 135 hours of internship. The employer, the academic advisor, and the Graduate Coordinator evaluate the student's overall performance. The advisor and the Graduate Coordinator determine whether the student complete the requirements. Prerequisites: COMM 65000 and COMM 65020 and COMM 65652; and graduate standing; and special approval.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Practicum](#) or [Internship](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65000 - FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION INQUIRY

(Cross-listed with COMM 75000) Philosophy of science, epistemological and theory construction principles which are the foundation of inquiry into the process of communication. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65020 - QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 75020) An examination of basic quantitative social scientific research methods and procedures for the study of communication. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65060 - COMMUNICATION MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

(Cross-listed with COMM 75060) A survey of self-report, observational and psychological instruments used in communication research. Uses of the computer in analyzing data obtained in communication research.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65091 - SEMINAR IN PERSUASION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 75091) Examination of selected areas of persuasion research. Emphasis on synthesizing research results and formulating explanatory models of persuasive behavior.

Prerequisite: Special approval and graduate standing.

3.000 OR 4.000 Credit hours

3.000 TO 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Seminar

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65093 - VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) Variable topic workshop in communication studies. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours

1.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Workshop

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65096 - INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION

(Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours) (Cross-listed with COMM 75096) Independent study of area or problem to be selected in consultation with graduate staff. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours

1.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Individual Investigation](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65098 - RESEARCH

(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation for master's level graduate students. Credits may be applied toward meeting degree requirements if school approves. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

1.000 TO 15.000 Credit hours

1.000 TO 15.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Research](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65591 - SEMINAR IN SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 75591) Research theories and findings in small group communication. Prerequisite: COMM 35550. Graduate standing.

3.000 OR 4.000 Credit hours

3.000 OR 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Seminar

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65652 - THEORIES OF COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 75652) Introduction to approaches in the study of human communication. Focuses on differing views of interaction from theory building and research-generation perspective. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65661 - COMMUNICATION IN AN INFORMATION SOCIETY

(Cross-listed with COMM 75661) Examines how the development and use of newer communication technologies have influenced human communication. Considers the evolution, social and psychological impact, and culture of newer communication technologies such as the Internet, and how research adapts to these newer media.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65662 - MASS MEDIA EFFECTS

(Cross-listed with COMM 75662) Examines perspectives on media effects, the impact media have on individuals and societies, and how individual, societal and communication elements influence media uses and effects.

Explores issues such as media portrayals, campaigns, violence and children and the media. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65665 - PERSONAL AND MEDIATED COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 75665) Examination of the interface of interpersonal and mediated communication in everyday life. Includes topics such as parasocial interaction, talk radio, TV co-viewing, cell phones, teleconferencing, computer-mediated relationships and media portrayals. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65670 - INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 75670) Survey of recent theoretical developments and research in interpersonal communication. Topics include relationship development, interaction, interpersonal traits, compliance, conversational analysis and research methods. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65673 - FAMILY COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 85673) Family Communication examines the study of theory and research about the interactions among individuals in families. The course also examines how families interact with external entities. Finally, the course explores health communication, media uses or new communication technologies and work-life balance issues from a family communication perspective. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65675 - COMMUNICATION, UNCERTAINTY AND PRIVACY MANAGEMENT

(Cross-listed with COMM 85675) Communication, uncertainty, and the management of private information examines theory and research about disclosure and uncertainty issues in communication in a variety of contexts. Course content examines disclosure and uncertainty management applications in relational contexts, health contexts, organizational contexts, and contexts involving human interaction occurring through technology. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65677 - RELATIONAL COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 85677) Relational communication provides an exploration of theory and research about the interactions among individuals in personal relationships. Subtopics of the course include communication and the development, maintenance, and dissolution of personal relationships, relationships across the life span, individual differences in relationships and relational processes, qualities and outcomes. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65679 - COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

(Cross-listed with COMM 85679) Overview of research examining communication across the lifespan, including issues related to communication and cognition, communicative uses of language, communication in close relationships and differences in media uses and effects. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65680 - INTERCULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Examination of theoretical perspectives, research issues and the rhetorical analyses of intercultural and international communication. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65683 - INTERGROUP COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 85683) Overview of theory and research of communication between groups of individuals, including issues of discrimination, language, identity, social status, religion and demographics. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65685 - COMMUNICATION AND COGNITION

(Cross-listed with COMM 85685) Application of cognitive theory and research findings to understanding and explaining message production, interpersonal communication, individual differences in adaptive ability, persuasion, political communication, media processing and media effects. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65766 - COMMUNICATION IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY

Overview of, analysis of, and critical reflection on topics and issues related to globalization, largely from a communication perspective yet drawing from other disciplines, and including topics such as framing and narratives of globalization and fragmentation, images of national and "civilizational" identity, discourses of marketization and consumerism, organizational communication dynamics of "the anti-globalization movement" and "globalization from below," definitions and frameworks of security, symbols of war and peace, debates over corporate social responsibility, frames of environmental sustainability, the roles of new media in alternative organizational and institutional formation, and understanding global problems in terms of communication networks. Contributes to the core curriculum for the global communication concentration in the MA program in COMM. Open to PhD students in CCI, plus other masters students within CCI. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65794 - TEACHING OF COLLEGE COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 75794) Training and experience in college teaching. Maximum of three hours applicable toward master's degree requirements. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

2.000 TO 4.000 Credit hours
2.000 TO 4.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65851 - ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 75851) Structure, methodology and application of communication theory in industrial and organizational settings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 65891 - SEMINAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) Theories and problems of human communication within, between and/or among formal organizations. Prerequisite: Special approval and graduate standing.

3.000 OR 4.000 Credit hours
3.000 OR 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: [Seminar](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66501 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 86501) Investigation of the role of communication theory, research, and practice in health beliefs and behavior, health care, and health promotion. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66503 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA EFFECTS

(Cross-listed with COMM 86503) Overview of theory and research on the processing and effects of health messages in the media. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66506 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION AND NEW MEDIA

(Cross-listed with COMM 86506) Investigation of the implementation and effects of new media technologies and their implications for health communication. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66507 - INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH

(Cross-listed with COMM 86507) Investigation of the interpersonal communication processes that influence and/or are influenced by health and health contexts. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66508 - HEALTH COMMUNICATION LITERACY

(Cross-listed with COMM 86508) Investigation of the concept and consequences of communication as it relates to health literacy, including social, cultural, educational, and political forces that affect health literacy levels, and strategies for creating accessible health communication. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 66509 - PUBLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

(Cross-listed with COMM 86509) Overview of the major issues surrounding the development, dissemination, and effects of public communication campaigns. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75000 - FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION INQUIRY

(Cross-listed with COMM 65000) Philosophy of science, epistemological and theory construction principles which are the foundation of inquiry into the process of communication. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75020 - QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65020) An examination of basic quantitative social scientific research methods and procedures for the study of communication. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75060 - COMMUNICATION MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

(Cross-listed with COMM 65060) A survey of self-report, observational and psychological instruments used in communication research. Uses of the computer in analyzing data obtained in communication research.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75091 - SEMINAR IN PERSUASION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 65091) Examination of selected areas of persuasion research. Emphasis on synthesizing research results and formulating explanatory models of persuasive behavior.

Prerequisite: Special approval and doctoral standing.

3.000 OR 4.000 Credit hours

3.000 OR 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Seminar

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75093 - VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Repeatable for credit) Variable title workshop in communications. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.
1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Workshop

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75095 - SPECIAL TOPICS

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 45095 and COMM 55095) Offered when resources permit a topic different from existing courses. Topic will be announced when scheduled. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.
1.000 TO 4.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 4.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75096 - INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 65096) Independent study of area or problem to be selected in consultation with graduate staff. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.
1.000 TO 6.000 Credit hours
1.000 TO 6.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Individual Investigation

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75591 - SEMINAR IN SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION

(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with COMM 65591) Research theories and findings in small group communication. Prerequisite: COMM 35550. Doctoral standing.
3.000 OR 4.000 Credit hours
3.000 OR 4.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Seminar

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75652 - THEORIES OF COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65652) Introduction to approaches in the study of human communication. Focuses on differing views of interaction from theory building and research generation perspective. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.
3.000 Credit hours
3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate
Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75661 - COMMUNICATION IN AN INFORMATION SOCIETY

(Cross-listed with COMM 65661) Examines how the development and use of newer communication technologies have influenced how people communicate. Considers the evolution, social and psychological impact and culture of newer communication technologies especially the Internet, and how research adapts to such technologies.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75662 - MASS MEDIA EFFECTS

(Cross-listed with COMM 65662) Examines perspectives on media effects, the impact media have on individuals and societies and how individual, societal and communication elements influence media uses and effects.

Explores issues such as media portrayals, campaigns, violence and children and the media. Prerequisite:

Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: [Lecture](#)

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75665 - PERSONAL AND MEDIATED COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65665) Examination of the interface of interpersonal and mediated communication in everyday life. Includes topics such as parasocial interaction, talk radio, TV co-viewing, cell phones, teleconferencing, computer-mediated relationships and media portrayals. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75670 - INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65670) Survey of recent theoretical developments and research in interpersonal communication. Topics include relationship development, interaction, interpersonal traits, compliance, conversational analysis and research methods. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 75680 - INTERCULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Examination of theoretical perspectives, research issues and the rhetorical analyses of intercultural and international communication. Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

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Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Seminar

Communication Studies Department

COMM 80199 - DISSERTATION I

(Repeatable for credit) Doctoral dissertation for which registration in at least two semesters is required, first of which will be semester in which dissertation work is begun and continuing until the completion of 30 hours.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

15.000 Credit hours

15.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Dissertation

Communication Studies Department

COMM 80299 - DISSERTATION II

(Repeatable for credit) Continuing registration required of doctoral students who have completed the initial 30 hours of dissertation and continuing until all degree requirements are met. Prerequisite: COMM 80199 and doctoral standing.

15.000 Credit hours

15.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Dissertation

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85098 - RESEARCH

(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation for doctoral students who have not yet passed their candidacy examination. Credits may be applied toward degree if school approves. Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

1.000 TO 15.000 Credit hours

1.000 TO 15.000 Other hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Research

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85673 - FAMILY COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65673) Family Communication examines the study of theory and research about the interactions among individuals in families. The course also examines how families interact with external entities. Finally, the course explores health communication, media uses or new communication technologies and work-life balance issues from a family communication perspective. Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85675 - COMMUNICATION, UNCERTAINTY AND PRIVACY MANAGEMENT

(Cross-listed with COMM 65675) Communication, uncertainty and the management of private information examines theory and research about disclosure and uncertainty issues in communication in a variety of contexts. Course content examines disclosure and uncertainty management applications in relational contexts, health contexts, organizational contexts, and contexts involving human interaction occurring through technology. Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85677 - RELATIONAL COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65677) Relational communication provides an exploration of communication theory and research about the interactions among individuals in personal relationships. Subtopics of the course include communication and the development, maintenance, and dissolution of personal relationships, relationships across the life span, individual differences in relationships and relational processes, qualities and outcomes.

Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85679 - COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

(Cross-listed with COMM 65679) Overview of research examining communication across the lifespan, including issues related to communication and cognition, communicative uses of language, communication in close relationships and differences in media uses and effects. Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

Communication Studies Department

COMM 85683 - INTERGROUP COMMUNICATION

(Cross-listed with COMM 65683) Overview of theory and research of communication between groups of individuals, including issues of discrimination, language, identity, social status, religion and demographics.

Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

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Levels: Graduate

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Prerequisite: doctoral standing.

3.000 Credit hours

3.000 Lecture hours

Levels: Graduate

Schedule Types: Lecture

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Schedule Types: Lecture

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