

CO: Courses in Communication Studies

Department of Communication Studies

CO 101 Basic Communication 3 Cr

The study of life-enhancing communication principles such as listening, conflict management, and gender communication. The study of how human beings use verbal and non-verbal symbols to create meaning. Course also includes training in public speaking. Each semester.

CO 108 Desktop Publishing 3 credits

An introduction to desktop publishing. Students learn to use desktop publishing software programs such as PageMaker and Quark Express for production of pamphlets, newsletters and newspapers. Includes training in the fundamental elements of page design. Offered every semester.

CO 111-112 Introduction to Forensics 1-3 Cr

Preparation for intercollegiate forensics competition in individual events and parliamentary debate. Events include extemporaneous, impromptu, after-dinner speaking, persuasion, informative, prose, communication analysis, poetry, duo, dramatic, program oral interpretation and parliamentary debate. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Each semester.

CO 206 Small Group Communication 3 Cr

The study of group communication processes. Students will learn group communication theory and then apply that theory through in-class group games and out-of-class group projects. Fall; odd-numbered years. Prerequisite: CO 101.

CO 208 Creative Communication in Education 3 Cr

The study and application of oral communication techniques appropriate for both elementary and secondary teachers. Class includes training in story telling, oral interpretation of literature, and creative dramatics. Spring semester.

CO 210 The Word and the Body 3 Cr

A study of the current theory and research on the relationships between language, non-verbal behavior, and communication in contemporary American society. We will investigate the practices and techniques involving verbal and nonverbal actions employed by interactants in everyday encounters. Prerequisite: Sophomore or higher standing required. Fall semester; odd-numbered years.

CO 211-212/311-312/411-412 Advanced Forensics 1-3 Cr

Preparation for intercollegiate forensics competition in individual events and parliamentary debate. The team competes in the Northwest, the Rocky Mountain region, and at national tournaments. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Each semester.

CO 215-216 Introduction to Public Relations 6 Cr

A two-semester introduction to the theory and practice of public relations. The first semester focuses on theory and on writing. The second semester focuses on case studies and the design of a public relations campaign for a local organization. Sequence starts fall semester of even-numbered years and continues in the spring.

CO 225 Professional Communication 3 Cr

An advanced course in public speaking with practical career-training emphasis, this course is aimed at preparing students to make polished public presentations. The course will include units on listening, job interviewing, and public speaking for professionals. Prerequisite: CO 101 or consent of instructor. Spring; even-numbered years.

CO 226 Resident Assistant Seminar 2 Cr

A course designed for paraprofessionals working in residence halls. By means of readings, professional speakers, and discussions, students will become more effective in performing duties and accepting responsibilities of a resident assistant. Class begins one week before fall semester; does not satisfy CORE communication course.

CO 280 Gender Communication 3 Cr

Examination of interactive relationships between gender and communication in contemporary American society. Course will explore ways that communication creates and perpetuates gender roles and how socially created gender roles are enacted in public and private settings. Students will connect research to everyday lives. Prerequisite: Sophomore or higher standing required. Spring; odd-numbered years

CO 308 Communication Ethics 3 Cr

Course seeks to deepen insights into ethical issues arising on all frontiers of communication, ranging from small groups to news media. Students will read case studies of ethical crises and learn to apply philosophical and religious ethical principles to those crises. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Spring; odd-numbered years.

CO 310 Mass Media 3 Cr

The study of the history and theory of contemporary mass media including radio, television, and print media. Course examines the cultural forces that shape and define mass media as well as the way mass media shapes our culture. Prerequisite: CO 101. Fall, even-numbered years.

CO 320 Organizational Communication 3 Cr

The study of the communication patterns found in organizations. Course includes study of hiring, promotion, firing, and power, as well as a study of organizational dialogue. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Offered Spring 2004 and then every semester afterwards.

CO 325 Intercultural Communication 3 Cr

The study of the theory and practice of intercultural communication. Students will study topics such as customs, language, non-verbal communication, and time and examine how each affects encounters between people of different cultures. Includes intercultural experiences. Prerequisite: CO 101. Offered Fall 2004, and even-numbered Fall semesters afterwards. Fulfills national diversity requirement.

CO 340 Interpersonal Communication Theory 3 Cr

The study of interpersonal communication from both a personal and theoretical standpoint. Topics include maintenance and termination of platonic, romantic and family relationships as well as attraction, initiation, commitment, intimacy, child-parent communication and destructive behavior. Prerequisite: Sophomore or higher standing required. Spring semester; even-numbered years.

CO/EN 351 Writing for the Media 3 Cr

Students learn basic elements of journalistic writing for the print media, including news reporting, feature writing, and column writing. Course includes study of libel law, observation of community media, and production of one issue of the school newspaper. Prerequisite: EN 102 or consent of instructor. Spring semester. Fulfills writing intensive requirement.

CO 360 Communication and Well-Being 3 Cr

A theoretical and practical examination of how communication affects health and well-being. Students will examine communication issues that have a daily effect on emotional and physical well-being such as empathy, therapeutic listening, and social support. Health care relationships—as presented through videotapes and audio tapes—will be used as case studies. Designed to serve all students, including those seeking careers as health-care professionals. Prerequisite: Junior or higher standing. Fall semester; even-numbered years.

CO 395 Research Methods Seminar 3 Cr

A discussion of selected communication issues associated with researching and reporting about human interaction. The student will investigate the scope, central concepts, and practices of communication research with particular focus upon microanalysis, ethnography, surveys, and experiments. Prerequisite: Junior or higher standing. This seminar is for junior communication studies majors. Fall semester.

CO 414 Human Communication Theory 3 Cr

A critical study of classical and contemporary communication research. Students analyze contemporary communication case studies through application of models such as Aristotle's Rhetoric, Burke's pentad and Marxist/Feminist theory. Prerequisite: Junior or higher standing. Fall semester; odd-numbered years.

CO 417 Methods of Teaching Speech-Communication 1-3 Cr

Theoretical and applied study of teaching communication and coaching speech. Students will read works on the philosophy of education and will complete a teaching and coaching project. Each semester.

CO 425 Communication Career Internship 3 Cr

An option available to the communication major who is preparing for a career in public relations, TV/radio broadcasting, public information, communication consulting, or as a media specialist. The student will intern in an appropriate business, state office, or federal agency in the Helena community for supervised, practical experience in the area of the intended career. A minimum of ten (10) hours per week or one hundred twenty (120) hours per semester of unpaid experience is required. This course may be taken more than once. Each semester.

CO 426-427 Prospector Internship 1-3 Cr

Students work on the staff of the Carroll College campus newspaper, The Prospector. Prerequisite: CO/EN 351. Each semester.

CO 495 Senior Practicum: The Graceful Exit 1 credit

A capstone course about life transitions – particularly the graceful exit from college and the humble entrance into a post-college career. Course includes units on selecting and applying to graduate schools, job interviewing, resume writing, web-based job searching and conference call interviews with successful communication and public relations alumni. Fall semester.