

Department of Communication Studies

Philosophy and Goals of the Department

The mission of the Communication Department mirrors the mission of the college: by seeking the “full realization of the dual goals of vocation and enlightenment.”

The communication department has developed both educational/vocational goals and holistic goals for the enlightenment of our students.

The educational/vocational goals of the Communication Department:

- 1) to teach students to communicate effectively
- 2) to prepare students for a career in a business or another communication-related field
- 3) to prepare students for possible graduate study in communication or a related field
- 4) to prepare students for a possible career in public relations
- 5) to prepare students for a possible career in journalism
- 6) to prepare students for a possible career as a secondary education teacher of communication, speech or forensics
- 7) to train students to succeed in intercollegiate forensics competition

The holistic goals of the Communication Department:

- 1) to advise students comprehensively, including the development of a four-year plan leading to a major or minor and the development of a general career lifeplan
- 2) to illuminate students on the need to use communication constructively and unselfishly, to serve others and to promote peace on all levels - interpersonal, societal and global
- 3) to illuminate students on the moral foundations of communication, which include the need to treat every person with reverence
- 4) to illuminate students on the need for intercultural understanding in order to treat people of all backgrounds with tolerance and respect and
- 5) to teach practical communication skills - such as conflict management skills and relationship-building skills - which can enhance the personal life of students for a lifetime

Majors for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Communication Studies
Communication Studies for Secondary Education
Public Relations with areas of concentration in:
Business
Journalism

Minors for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Communication Studies
Communication Studies for Secondary Education
Public Relations

Curriculum for the Associate of Arts Degree

Communication Studies

Major in Communication Studies

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty-six (36) semester credits of communication courses, including:

CO 101	Basic Communication
CO 108	Desktop Publishing
CO 206	Small Group Communication
CO 225	Professional Communication
CO 280	Gender Communication
CO 308	Communication Ethics
CO 320	Organizational Communication
CO 340	Interpersonal Communication Theory
CO 395	Research Methods
CO 414	Human Communication Theory
CO 495	Senior Practicum: The Graceful Exit

Notes: 1. A maximum of six (6) credit hours in forensics at the 200-level or above may apply toward the communication studies major.

2. Forensics at 200-level or above may be substituted for CO 225.

3. All degree students should review requirements for graduation as described in this catalog.

II. Other Program Requirements

CO/EN 351 Writing for the Media

Note: The Department of Communication Studies will administer a two-part comprehensive exam at the end of each student's senior year. The first part, an oral presentation by the student, is required of all students. The second part, the comprehensive on all communication coursework, is not required of students who complete CO499, Honors Thesis.

Major in Communication Studies for Secondary Education

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty-six (36) semester credits of communication, including:

CO 101	Basic Communication
CO 111-112-211-212	Forensics
CO 206	Small Group Communication
CO 225	Professional Communication
CO 280	Gender Communication
CO 308	Communication Ethics
CO 325	Intercultural Communication
CO 340	Interpersonal Communication Theory
CO 395	Research Methods
CO 414	Human Communication Theory

Note: A maximum of six (6) credits in forensics at the 200 level or above may apply toward the communication studies major.

II. Other Program Requirements

CS 101 Survey of Computer Science or
or CO 108 Desktop Publishing
CO/ED 417 Methods of Teaching Speech Communication

Note: The Department of Communication Studies will administer a comprehensive oral examination at the end of the student's senior year. Students who complete CO 499 Honors Thesis are not required to take the comprehensive examinations.

III. Professional Education Requirements

AN/SO 218	Introduction to Native American Studies
CS 103	Instructional Media and Technology
ED 102	Foundations of Education
ED/PSY 229	Educational Psychology
ED 245	Diversity Field Experience
ED 309	Teaching in the Secondary School
ED 327	Content Area Reading/Language Arts
ED 405	Education Seminar
ED 410	Student Teaching
ED 412	Measurement and Assessment in Teaching
HPE 214	The School Health Program
PSY 228	Adolescent Psychology
SPED 300	Introduction to Exceptional Children

United States and contemporary world cultures course(s)—see index for page number.

IV. Acceptance into the Teacher Education Program and Student Teaching Program

- A: Teacher Education Program: Individuals pursuing academic programs that lead to teacher licensure must seek admission to the teacher education program by the end of their sophomore year.
- B: Student Teaching Program: In the spring semester of the junior year, all preservice teachers must seek admission to the student teaching program, see index for page numbers for these programs.

Notes: 1. In order to be licensed to teach in a secondary school in Montana, a student is required to have a teaching minor as well as a teaching major in a subject field acceptable for licensure.

2. All degree students should review requirements for graduation as described in this catalog.

Major in Public Relations with an Area of Concentration

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty three (33) semester credits of interdepartmental studies, including:

CO 101	Basic Communication
CO 206	Small Group Communication
CO 215	Introduction to Public Relations: Theory
CO 216	Introduction to Public Relations: Practice
CO 225	Professional Communication
CO 308	Communication Ethics
CO 310	Mass Media
CO 340	Interpersonal Communication Theory
CO/EN 351	Writing for the Media
CO 395	Research Methods
CO 425	Career Internship
CO 495	Senior Practicum: The Graceful Exit

Plus one or both of the following areas of concentration (15 credits):

A. Business

BA 100	Introduction to Business
BA 306	Marketing
CO 320	Organizational Communication
EN 330	Business Writing

Plus one (1) of the following:

BA 375	Fundamentals of Management
PAD 205	Introduction to Public Administration

B. Journalism

ART 114	Photography I
CO 108	Desktop Publishing
CS 213	Computer Applications in Business
CS 201	Web Graphics, Animation, and Layout
EN 325	Technical Writing
CO 426-427	Prospector Internship (two semesters, totaling three credits)

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Minor in Communication Studies

Minor Program Requirements

Twenty-one (21) semester credits in communication, including:

CO 101	Basic Communication
CO 206	Small Group Communication
CO 225	Professional Communication
CO 280	Gender Communication
CO 308	Communication Ethics
CO 340	Interpersonal Communication Theory
CO 351	Writing for the Media

Note: A maximum of three (3) semester credits in forensics at the 200-level or above may apply towards the communication studies minor. Forensics at the 200-level or above may be substituted for CO 225.

Minor in Communication Studies for Secondary Education

I. Minor Program Requirements

CO 101	Basic Communications
CO 111-112-212	Forensics (12 credits)
CO 206	Small Group Communication
CO 225	Professional Communication
CO 280	Gender Communication
CO 308	Communication Ethics
CO 325	Intercultural Communication
CO 340	Interpersonal Communication Theory

Note: A maximum of three (3) semester credits in forensics at the 200-level or above may apply towards the communication studies minor.

II. Other Program Requirements

CS 101	Survey of Computer Science
or CO 108	Desktop Publishing
CO/ED 417	Methods of Teaching Speech Communication

Minor in Public Relations

Minor Program Requirements

BA 306	Marketing
CO 101	Basic Communication
CO 108	Desktop Publishing

- CO 206 Small Group Communication
- CO 215 Introduction to Public Relations: Theory
- CO 216 Introduction to Public Relations: Practice
- CO 308 Communication Ethics
- CO 310 Mass Media
- CO 425 Career Internship
- CO 426-427 Prospector Internship
- CO/EN 351 Writing for the Media

Curriculum in Communication Studies for the Associate of Arts Degree

Program Requirements

Twenty-four (24) semester credits in communication studies, including:

- CO 101 Basic Communication
- CO 206 Small Group Communication
- CO 225 Professional Communication
- CO 280 Gender Communication
- CO 308 Communication Ethics
- CO 340 Interpersonal Communication Theory
- CO 351 Writing for the Media
- CO 414 Human Communication Theory

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