



**Community. Culture. Change.**

Communication is the cornerstone of our lives, shaping our relationships, workplaces, homes, and communities. Communication Studies focuses on understanding and improving how we interact with each other in multiple contexts.

**ACADEMIC TRACK**

**LEGAL COMMUNICATION**

Law is fundamentally a profession about research and communication. The practice of law involves researching case law, constructing arguments, and persuading others. It demands the ability to clearly construct, present, and critically analyze arguments.

Legal Communication is ideal for students interested in the legal profession. Courses focus on trial advocacy, argument construction, presentational skills, critical thinking, persuasion, and theories of legal communication.

**POTENTIAL CAREERS**

LITIGATOR

PARALEGAL

LEGAL SECRETARY

JURY CONSULTANT

CORPORATE ATTORNEY

MEDIATION/NEGOTIATION SPECIALIST

**COMPLEMENTARY**

**MAJORS/MINORS**

POLITICAL SCIENCE

LEADERSHIP STUDIES MINOR

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

## **LEGAL COMMUNICATION**

### **Communication Studies Courses – 39 hours**

#### **Core Courses – 12 hours**

COMM 320: Theories of Human Communication (3 hrs)

COMM 330: Rhetoric in Western Thought (3 hrs)

COMM 431: Criticism of Public Discourse (3 hrs) or

COMM 433: Communication Research Methods (3 hrs)

COMM 550: Senior Colloquium (3 hrs) or

COMM 551: Senior Honors Thesis (3 hrs)

#### **Legal Communication Courses – Choose 12 hours**

COMM 260: Intro to Trial Advocacy (3 hrs)

COMM 325: Argumentation and Debate (3 hrs)

COMM 326: Small Group Discussion Methods (3 hrs)

COMM 430: Freedom of Speech (3 hrs)

COMM 460: Advanced Trial Advocacy (3 hrs)

COMM 475: Legal Communication (3 hrs) \*Required\*

COMM 525: Argumentation Theory (3 hrs)

COMM 526: Persuasion (3 hrs)

#### **Electives – 15 hours of additional COMM courses**

**Additional Requirement – 3 hours must be at the 500 level of above (in addition to COMM 550 or COMM 551)**

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