



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

RELATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Our lives are spent in relationships with others. From family, romantic partners and friends to co-workers, supervisors and clients to neighbors and other community members, we are constantly interacting and communicating with people. While many assume that communication comes naturally, miscommunication and misunderstanding are abundant in most relationships.

Relational Communication focuses on how we use communication to initiate, establish, and manage relationships. Courses increase understanding of verbal and nonverbal communication and responses, relational development, cultural similarities/differences, conflict, deception, and group communication dynamics.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Client Service Representative
Communications Facilitator
Human Resources Specialist
Project Manager
Marketing researcher
Communications Specialist

COMPLEMENTARY

MAJORS/MINORS

Psychology
Sociology
Family Studies/Human Services

RELATIONAL 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)

Relational Communication Courses – Choose 12 hours

COMM 322: Interpersonal Communication (3 hrs)

COMM 323: Nonverbal Communication (3 hrs)

COMM 420: Gender Communication (3 hrs)

COMM 480: Intercultural Communication (3 hrs)

COMM 526: Persuasion (3 hrs)

COMM 542: Relational Communication (3 hrs)

Required

Electives – 15 hours of additional COMM courses

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

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