

MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES, INTERPERSONAL, COMMUNITY, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATION

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Students may enroll in either the standalone major or (at most) one of the concentrations under the Major in Communication Studies.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
SPCM 100	Communication and Popular Culture (GT-AH1)	3B	3
SPCM 130	Foundations of Human Communication (GT-SS3)	3C	3
SPCM 200	Public Speaking		3
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	7
Electives			6
Total Credits			31

Sophomore

SPCM 201	Introduction to Rhetoric (GT-AH3)	3B	3
SPCM 207	Public Argumentation		3
Select one of the following AUCC Category 2 (Advanced Writing) courses:			3
CO 300	Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301A	Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301C	Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301D	Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)	2	
HIST XXX			3
Additional Arts and Humanities ¹			3
Additional Social and Behavioral Sciences ²			3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Electives			9
Total Credits			30

Junior

SPCM 230	Social Science Research in Communication		3
SPCM 334	Communication Across Difference		3
SPCM 432	Interpersonal Communication		3
SPCM 434	International and Intercultural Communication	4A,4B	3

Communication Studies Electives ³			3
Minor, Interdisciplinary Minor, or Second Major ⁴			15
Total Credits			30
Senior			
SPCM 479	Communication Studies Capstone	4C	3
Select 12 credits from the following:			12
SPCM 232	Collaborative Communication		
SPCM 331	Nonverbal Communication		
SPCM 333	Career Communication		
SPCM 335	Gender and Communication		
SPCM 337	Persuasion		
SPCM 347	Visual Communication		
SPCM 353	Rhetoric and Racial Justice		
SPCM 360	The Personal Lens – Making Media		
SPCM 370A	Study Abroad: Bridging Cultures-USA-Italy		
SPCM 378	Virtual Workplace Communication		
SPCM 382D	Study Abroad–Austria: Conflict Management Communication		
SPCM 382E	Study Abroad–Austria: Intercultural Communication-European Culture		
SPCM 407	Facilitation Collaborative Problem Solving		
SPCM 408	Applied Deliberative Techniques		
SPCM 433	Organizational Communication	4A,4B	
SPCM 435A	Study Abroad–Spain: Social Support and Communication		
SPCM 436	Conflict Management and Communication		
SPCM 453	Global Media Cultures		
Minor, Interdisciplinary Minor, or Second Major ⁴			6
Electives ⁵			8
Total Credits			29
Program Total Credits:			120

¹ Select three credits from the following subject codes: ART, D, E, ETST, L**, MU, PHIL, TH, or WS.

² Select a total of three credits from the following: AREC 202, GR 100, courses with subject codes ANTH, ECON, ETST, HIST, JTC, POLS, PSY, SOC, or WS.

³ Select a total of 3 credits of SPCM subject code courses excluding SPCM 479 and SPCM 495.

⁴ Students must complete a university approved minor, interdisciplinary minor, or second major.

⁵ Select enough elective credits to bring program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).