

MINOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The minor in Communication Studies creates the opportunity for students in other majors to obtain knowledge bases, skills, and credentials in communication. It allows students to select and complete Communication Studies courses that address the students' needs and interests, complementing their major field of study. Additionally, students graduating with a minor in Communication Studies will develop skills that allow them to apply their knowledge from the minor as they address contemporary issues salient to their personal, professional, and civic lives. Students will develop skills in both oral and written communication, being able to develop and deliver coherent, well-organized claims to specific audiences. Students will also develop critical thinking skills that allow them to analyze texts, situations, or issues using credible evidence and following a logical, systematic, and/or precise structure.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this minor, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the history, theory, and research methods across different communication contexts.
2. Develop and utilize oral communication, writing and research skills across the study of communication.
3. Develop and utilize critical thinking and analysis in support of ethical, effective, human communication.
4. Transfer the knowledge and skills gained in the communication studies program to a meaningful trajectory in their personal, career, and/or civic lives after graduation.

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Students must satisfactorily complete the total credits required for the minor. Minors and interdisciplinary minors require 12 or more upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits.

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
SPCM 200	Public Speaking	3
Select two courses from the following:		6
SPCM 100	Communication and Popular Culture (GT-AH1)	
SPCM 130	Foundations of Human Communication (GT-SS3)	
SPCM 201	Introduction to Rhetoric (GT-AH3)	
Selected Courses		
Select a minimum of 12 SPCM credits at the 300 or 400 level.		12
Program Total Credits:		21