

*** APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS ADMITTED TO CCSU ON OR AFTER FALL 2008 ***

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

This emphasis area offers students preparation for careers in employee communication, special events, and training and development in corporate and non-profit organizations and government agencies.

Continuation Policy

The Department of Communication maintains a policy for continuation in the major. Communication majors must complete Comm. 240 (with a C- or better) and Comm. 140 before they reach 60 credits. Majors must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or better to stay in the major.

Key Requirements

A total of 39 credits must be completed. These are divided across three areas: a communication core, required emphasis courses and departmental or suggested outside electives. All students must take a total of 21 credits from 300/400-level courses, with a minimum of 9 credits from 400-level courses.

Communication Core (12 credits)

- Comm. 140 Public Speaking (to be taken before first semester of junior year)
- Comm. 230 Introduction to Mass Media
- Comm. 240 Survey of the Field of Communication (to be taken before first semester of junior year)
- Comm. 301 Critical Thinking **OR** Comm. 302 Problem-Solving and Decision-Making

Required Emphasis Courses (9 credits)

- Comm. 215 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- Comm. 253 Introduction to Organizational Communication (Fall ONLY)
- Comm. 453 Organizational Communication (Spring ONLY)

Directed Electives (18 credits) Note: At least 9 credits must be 400 level (which includes Comm. 453) and at least 6 credits must be from Communication department courses listed below.

Offered by the Department

- Comm. 234 Introduction to Public Relations
- Comm. 256 Professional Communication
- Comm. 280 Business and Professional Speaking
- Comm. 344 Models of Intercultural Communication
- Comm. 353 Interviewing Theory and Practice
- Comm. 443 Communication and Social Influence
- Comm. 450 Communication Skills for Training & Development
- Comm. 456 Corporate Communication
- Comm. 490 Internship (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 491 Independent Study (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 492 Political/Legislative Intern Experience
- Comm. 495 Selected Special Topic courses (no more than 6 cr)

Suggested Outside Courses

- Law 250 Legal Environment of Business
- Phil. 240 Ethical Problems in Business
- Psy. 234 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- Any Stats Course, e.g.:**
 - STAT 104 Elementary Statistics
 - STAT 200 Business Statistics
 - STAT 201 Business Statistics II
 - STAT 215 Stats for Behavioral Sciences I
 - STAT 216 Stats for Behavioral Sciences II

Comm courses in **other emphases**: up to 12 credits

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Advising Procedures

A maximum of 6 credits in related courses from outside the department may be counted toward the major.

The completion of a minor in a related field of study in another department at the University is required. Students should complete an Undergraduate Change of Major, Degree or Advisor form to declare their minor. **Note: Some courses offered by the Department are open to majors only. See course descriptions for information.**

GENERAL EDUCATION 44-46 cr. *

Study Area I - Arts and Humanities (9 cr.)

- Eng. Lit. (3) _____ (3)
- _____ (3)

Study Area II - Social Sciences (9 cr.)

- History (3) _____ (3)
- _____ (3)

Study Area III - Behavioral Sciences (6 cr.)

- Comm. 230** *(3) _____ (3)

Study Area IV - Natural Sciences (6-7 cr.)

- lab credit (1) _____ (3)
- _____ (3)

Skill Area I – Comm. Skills (6 cr.)

- Eng. 110 (3) **Comm. 140** * (3)

Skill Area II – Mathematics (6 cr.)

- Math or Stat. (3) _____ (3)

Skill Area III - Foreign Language Proficiency

- 3 sequential years of one foreign language at the high school level
- passed the foreign language exam
- completed 112, 114 or higher foreign lang course
- demonstration of native proficiency in a language other than English

Skill Area IV – University Requirement (2-3 cr.)

- _____ (2 or 3 cr.)

**MINOR IS REQUIRED. (18-24 credit hours)
SEE YOUR ADVISOR.**

Minor: _____

- _____ (3) _____ (3)
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GENERAL ELECTIVES (to meet 122 total credits)

- _____ (3) _____ (3)
- _____ (3) _____ (3)
- _____ (3) _____ (3)

For Communication Department Use Only		
Any Level Comm. Course	300 OR 400 Level Comm. Course	400 Level Only Comm. Course
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* Two Communication courses can count toward your Communication major as well as in the General Education areas. These two courses will count **only** as a total of six (6) credits.

*+ Only two courses from outside the (Communication) department may count toward the major in Communication. But if these courses are used toward Minor, they will not count toward the Major.