

Health Communication

Health Communication

A major or minor in Health Communication is an applied program of study aimed at providing both practitioners and future civic leaders with the knowledge they need to improve health services and public health.

The curricular structure of the Health Communication program is listed below for students entering the program. Students must complete an applied capstone course.

Major Requirements

Major: Health Communication

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
----------	---	---

Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list 3

Science & Technology (S): 10

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course.

Select from current general education courses.

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): 6

Courses needed to fulfill this category will be completed as part of the pre-communication requirements.

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D):

COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3
----------	-----------------------------	---

Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities 3

ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS

Area Two: Social Sciences 3

ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS

Area Three: Fine Arts 3

ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA

Total Credits 9

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements 40

AH&SS College Requirements 9

Pre-Communication Requirements

Students must complete the following 21 credits of selected courses with a grade of 'B' or better to be a communication major. These courses may be repeated only once for grade improvement.

ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or COMM 111	Honors Public Speaking	
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 114	Human Communication	3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	
POLS 110	Introduction to Political Science	
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	

Professional Health Communication Major

Communication Core:

COMM 320	Communication Analysis	3
COMM 301	Rhetorical Traditions	3
or COMM 321	Introduction to Communication Theory	
COMM 380	Health Communication I	3
COMM 431	Communication Ethics	3

COMM 480	Health Communication II (Capstone)	3
Applied Health Core:		
Students are required to take 12 credits in Applied Health areas: Nursing; Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science; Pharmacy Practice; or Psychology. Consult your advisor on elective options.		12
Professional Specialization		
Select three of the following:		9
COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing	
COMM 260	Principles of Internet Web-Based Design	
COMM 375	Principles and Practices of Advertising and Public Relations	
COMM 381	Patient-Provider Communication	
COMM 383	Organizational Communication I	
COMM 450	Issues in Communication	
COMM 485	Crisis Communications in Public Relations	
COMM 486	Principles of Risk Communication	
Degree Requirements: Potential of 28 credits to reach 122.		28
Total Credits		122

Minor Requirements

Health Communication Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 21

Required Courses

COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 114	Human Communication	3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 380	Health Communication I	3
COMM 381	Patient-Provider Communication	3
Professional Specialization: Select one of the following:		3
COMM 375	Principles and Practices of Advertising and Public Relations	
COMM 480	Health Communication II	
COMM 485	Crisis Communications in Public Relations	
COMM 486	Principles of Risk Communication	
Total Credits		21

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.