

Communication (COMM)

COMM 101. Majors and Careers in Communication. 1 Credit.

This course serves as an introduction to the Department of Communication at NDSU. Students will learn more about their major, their career options, and relevant extracurricular opportunities, along with the skills, techniques, and resources that will help them achieve their professional goals.

COMM 110. Fundamentals of Public Speaking. 3 Credits.

Theory and practice of public speaking with emphasis on content, organization, language, delivery, and critical evaluation of messages.

COMM 111. Honors Public Speaking. 3 Credits.

Accelerated theory and practice of public speaking with emphasis on content, organization, language, delivery, and critical evaluation of messages. Equivalent to COMM 110. Prereq: GPA of 3.5 or higher.

COMM 112. Understanding Media and Social Change. 3 Credits.

Exploration of the purpose, function, and impact of media on society.

COMM 114. Human Communication. 3 Credits.

Overview of communication theory with emphasis on information transmission and social influence functions of communication behavior in personal and mediated contexts.

COMM 133. Introduction to Agricultural Communication. 3 Credits.

This course provides an introduction to agricultural communication as a professional field. The course will also provide an overview of career options and professional skills and competencies required of agricultural communications.

COMM 150. Forensic Practice. 1 Credit.

Applied speaking experiences in competitive and non-competitive settings. Speaking experiences in public address, oral interpretation, reader's theatre settings, and competitive debate offered. May be repeated.

COMM 189. Skills for Academic Success. 1 Credit.

This course is designed to ease the transition for new students at NDSU. Students will learn skills and techniques used by successful college students. In addition to introducing the students to campus resources and governance, topics will include study techniques, time management, test taking, note taking, goal setting, wellness, stress management, and career orientation.

COMM 194. Individual Study. 1-3 Credits.

COMM 196. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

COMM 199. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 200. Introduction to Media Writing. 3 Credits.

Introduction to writing in the styles and forms required in journalism and strategic communication. Prereq: ENGL 120.

COMM 212. Interpersonal Communication. 3 Credits.

Theory and practice of communication in interpersonal relationships. Includes aspects of self-expression and relationship communication.

COMM 216. Intercultural Communication. 3 Credits.

Exploration of the definition, models, and verbal processes of communication between different cultural groups.

COMM 220. Persuasion. 3 Credits.

Exploration of the role and function of persuasion in personal, professional, and civic life. Provides an overview of critical, rhetorical, and social scientific theories of persuasion.

COMM 245. Introduction to Video Production. 3 Credits.

Creation, critique, and analysis of single camera and mobile video production with special emphasis on news reporting. Prereq: Restricted to Communication majors and minor.

COMM 260. Introduction to Web Design. 3 Credits.

This course aims to orient students to Web concepts, design, presentation, and evaluation. Prereq: CSCI 114, TL 116 or CSCI 160.

COMM 261. Introduction to Web Development. 3 Credits.

Introduces the tools used by Web Development professionals, including HTML, Web editors, imaging software, Javascript, and Acrobat pdf format. Prereq: COMM 260.

COMM 291. Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

COMM 292. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-Arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange) or on approved study abroad programs. Pre-requisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. Graded 'P' or 'F' (Undergraduate), or 'S' or 'U' (Graduate).

COMM 294. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 296. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

COMM 299. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 301. Rhetorical Traditions. 3 Credits.

Historical/descriptive examination of rhetorical theory from the classical through modern periods. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 303. Sport Communication and New Media. 3 Credits.

The purpose of this course is to understand the role of communication, new media, and emerging technologies in the sports industry including such fields as public relations, media relations, community relations, and promotions. Prereqs: HNES 190 and COMM 200.

COMM 308. Business and Professional Speaking. 3 Credits.

Oral and written communication skills for professional and business settings. Includes resume, cover letter and memo writing; interpersonal and group applications; and interviewing and professional presentations emphasis. Prereq: COMM 110. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 310. Advanced Media Writing. 3 Credits.

Construction of professional quality messages for the modern media landscape. Prereq: B or better in COMM 200. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 313. Multimedia Editing. 3 Credits.

Principles of copy-editing, headline composition, and layout for media publications. Prereq: COMM 200 and restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 315. Small Group Communication. 3 Credits.

Focus on group processes, methods of problem solving, parliamentary procedures, and relational components of group interaction. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 316. Conflict Communication. 3 Credits.

Exploration of conflict interaction in business and public sectors; application of negotiation strategies, decision-making, problem-solving, and bargaining. Prereq: Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 318. Argumentation and Advocacy. 3 Credits.

Theory and process of argumentation with practical experience in preparation and delivery of formal and informal arguments. Prereq: COMM 110. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 320. Communication Research Methods. 3 Credits.

Overview and application of basic methods used in communication research. Prereq: Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 330. Photography for the Media. 3 Credits.

An introduction to digital photography techniques for students who plan to specialize in preparing visual images for print and online media. Prereq: students must be Communication majors or minors.

COMM 340. Social Research Methods. 3 Credits.

Overview of the scientific method, the philosophy of science, and the goals of science. Detailed study of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Cross-listed with SOC 340.

COMM 341. Social Research Methods Laboratory. 1 Credit.

Laboratory to accompany COMM 340. Provides application of conceptualization, operationalization, sampling methods, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and computer statistical analysis. Cross-listed with SOC 341.

COMM 346. Sports Broadcasting. 3 Credits.

Overview of television sports broadcasting skills with an emphasis on reporting, shooting highlights, anchoring, editing and play-by-play announcing.

COMM 347. Television On-Air Performance. 3 Credits.

Introduction to basic skills required of an on-air television personality, including news and sports anchors, talk show hosts, and on-site production hosts. Prereq: COMM 345.

COMM 362. Principles of Design For Media. 3 Credits.

Introduction to design techniques for the development and publication of a variety of media. Prereq: Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 363. Advanced Web Design. 3 Credits.

Students build advanced competence in developing and maintaining websites using advanced web design programming. Prereq: COMM 260, COMM 261.

COMM 375. Principles of Strategic Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to principles, practices, and professional pathways in advertising and public relations. Prereq: COMM 200 and restricted to Communication majors and minors only.

COMM 376. Advertising Creative Strategies. 3 Credits.

Introduces students to creative ideas in advertising and their translation into words and images. Emphasis is on strategic approaches to creative decision-making across all media. Prereq: COMM 375 and students must be Communication majors or minors only.

COMM 377. Media Planning. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to the basic concepts of media planning and buying. Emphasis is placed on strategic approaches to the media placement process across all forms of media. Prereq: COMM 375 and students must be Communication majors or minors.

COMM 379. Global Seminar. 1-6 Credits.

NDSU instructed experience or field study in a foreign country. Conducted in English for residence credit. Pre-requisite: Prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. May be repeated. Standard Grading.

COMM 380. Health Communication I. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of health communication. Students will learn about models of health communication, doctor-patient communication, designing and implementing health campaigns, and organizational communication in health organizations.

COMM 383. Organizational Communication I. 3 Credits.

Exploration of the theory of management communication practices in organizations. Emphasis on the formal structure and interpersonal aspects of supervisor-subordinate relations. Prereq: Students must be College of Business major or minor and a 2.50 minimum NDSU grade point average. Cross-listed with BUSN 383.

COMM 391. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.**COMM 392. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.**

Pre-Arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange) or on approved study abroad programs. Pre-requisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. Graded 'P' or 'F' (Undergraduate), or 'S' or 'U' (Graduate).

COMM 394. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**COMM 396. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.****COMM 397. Fe/Coop Ed/Internship. 1-4 Credits.****COMM 399. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.**

Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 401. Science Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the principles of communicating scientific issues to the general public and practical application of communication strategies through interpersonal discussion, media, and other means. Cross-listed with BIOL 401. Dual-listing: BIOL 601, COMM 601.

COMM 412. Gender and Communication. 3 Credits.

Exploration of philosophical and theoretical issues surrounding gender construction, communication, and culture. Focus on ways in which communication in families, schools, media, and other institutions create and sustain gender roles. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 421. History of Journalism. 3 Credits.

The history and development of journalism as shaped by the political and social environment.

COMM 425. Specialty Writing. 3 Credits.

Methods and practices of effective written communication in a variety of genres used by advertising and public relations professionals. Prereq: COMM 200 and restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 431. Communication Ethics and Law. 3 Credits.

Analysis of ethical and legal issues affecting communications and communication industries. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 435. Critical Approaches to Popular Culture. 3 Credits.

Analysis of popular cultures as a reflection and influencer of social values. Explores how media representation, industry, economics, globalization, and the overlap between politics and entertainment affect American popular culture. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 442. Digital Media and Society. 3 Credits.

Explores the impact of technological developments on media and mediated culture.

COMM 445. Advanced Video Production. 3 Credits.

Developing advanced skills in the creation, critique, and analysis of video production encompassing news and associated genres, including PSA, commercials, music videos, and documentaries, etc. Prereq: COMM 245.

COMM 446. Television Studio Production. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to studio and control practices as well as producing and anchoring newscasts and talk shows. Students will learn basic production skills including all areas of studio production by working in Bison Information Network's TV studio. Prereq: COMM 345.

COMM 450. Issues in Communication. 3 Credits.

Studies of key issues in the field of communication. May be repeated. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 465. Convergence Media. 3 Credits.

Techniques for digital storytelling, multimedia content creation, and cross-platform production. Restricted to Communication majors or minors only.

COMM 466. Human Factors in Artificial Intelligence. 3 Credits.

In an era where AI tools are becoming increasingly integrated into our daily lives, it is crucial to explore their impact on human communication and relationships. In this course, students will explore the ways in which artificial intelligence (AI) is being used to enhance and augment human communication and experiences. We will also grapple with the ethical considerations that arise and examine issues of fairness and transparency in AI systems and explore possibilities for mitigating these challenges through human-centered design. The overall goal of this class is to consider the increasing possibilities of artificial intelligence and how to use those possibilities to the better.

COMM 467. User Experience Research in Artificial Intelligence. 3 Credits.

With the increasing penetration of AI in the society, it is important to explore the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and user experience (UX). In this course, students will learn the knowledge and skills to evaluate user experience in AI-driven applications or systems with the goal to enhance the usability, transparency and trust in human-centered AI. The course will span across both theoretical and methodological dimensions of user experience research (UXR) in AI.

COMM 468. AI & Language Modeling. 3 Credits.

In this course, we'll study how the intersection of human language, human and computer cognition, and artificial intelligence shape and affect social, professional, and interpersonal interactions.

COMM 470. Research for Strategic Communication. 3 Credits.

Students in advertising and public relations must respond to changing contexts as they design and conduct campaigns. This course provides tailored strategies needed by our students as they move into the professional advertising and public relations environments. Prereq: COMM 375.

COMM 472. Public Relations Campaigns. 3 Credits.

Social science research as applied to public relations, case study analysis, construction, and implementation of public relations campaigns. Prereq: COMM 375 and restricted to Communication majors and minors and COMM 470 as a prerequisite or corequisite.

COMM 473. Case Study in Public Relations. 3 Credits.

Advanced study of applied public relations theory through intense case study analysis and research focused on organizations. Case studies from the Public Relations Society of America are used. Prereq: COMM 375, COMM 470. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 476. Advertising Campaign Practicum. 3 Credits.

This course challenges students to apply the knowledge they have gained in previous advertising classes. Specifically, students will design an advertising campaign including market research, creative execution, media planning, and account management. Prereq: COMM 376 or 377, COMM 470. Restrictions: Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 483. Organizational Communication II. 3 Credits.

Examination of the structure and function of interpersonal communication networks in formal organizations, methods of network analysis. Prereq: COMM 383. Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 484. Organizational Advocacy and Issue Management. 3 Credits.

Exploration of communication theories and campaigns to assess the impact of historical and contemporary advocacy in both for-profit and non-profit sectors. Prereq: COMM 383.

COMM 485. Risk and Crisis Communication. 3 Credits.

Crisis communication practices in organizations of all types with emphasis on planning, emergency communication, image restoration, and organizational learning. Prereq: COMM 110. Cross-listed with SAFE 485.

COMM 487. Organizational Power and Leadership. 3 Credits.

This course emphasizes communicative dimensions of organizational leadership. Theory will be discussed as a foundation for leadership practices. Prereq: COMM 383. Restricted to Communication majors or minors.

COMM 491. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.

Restricted to Communication professional majors and minors.

COMM 492. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-Arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange) or on approved study abroad programs. Pre-requisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. Graded 'P' or 'F' (Undergraduate), or 'S' or 'U' (Graduate).

COMM 493. Undergraduate Research. 1-5 Credits.**COMM 494. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**

Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 496. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 499. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

Restricted to Communication majors and minors.

COMM 601. Science Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the principles of communicating scientific issues to the general public and practical application of communication strategies through interpersonal discussion, media, and other means. Cross-listed with BIOL 601. Dual-listing: BIOL 401, COMM 401.

COMM 690. Graduate Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

COMM 695. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

COMM 696. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 700. Research Methods in Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to research planning and design, methods of research, and presentation of research results.

COMM 701. Advanced Research Methods in Communication I. 3 Credits.

Advanced research methods in communication; research planning, design, and presentation. Prereq: COMM PhD students only.

COMM 702. Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences. 3 Credits.

Techniques for effective teaching and assessing learning at the college level. Includes special issues and responsibilities related to college-level teaching.

COMM 704. Qualitative Research Methods in Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to theory and practice of qualitative research in communication.

COMM 707. Quantitative Research Methods in Communication. 3 Credits.

Introduction to quantitative research planning and design, methods of research, and presentation of research results.

COMM 711. Communication Theory. 3 Credits.

Major theoretical approaches to the study of communication from social scientific and humanistic traditions.

COMM 712. Emerging Trends in Teaching and Learning Online. 3 Credits.

Study of the theory, historical development, and practical applications of the distance / online education movement. Examination of learning theory and instructional design theory, as it relates to online course development.

COMM 715. Theories of Small Group Communication. 3 Credits.

Survey of theoretical constructs of communication in the small group setting. Examination of current methods of research.

COMM 731. Communication Ethics Seminar. 3 Credits.

Study of ethical theories and their relationship to the mass media.

COMM 735. Theories of Media, Technology, and Society. 3 Credits.

This course examines social scientific and critical theories of media, communication technology, and social change.

COMM 750. Advanced Issues in Communication. 3 Credits.

Advanced theory and philosophy of research issues in the field of communication. May be repeated.

COMM 767. Rhetorical Criticism. 3 Credits.

Survey of critical methods of inquiry that may be applied to oral discourse and frameworks for critically evaluating communication processes and products.

COMM 783. Advanced Organizational Communication I. 3 Credits.

Exploration of the theory of management communication practices in organizations. Emphasis on the formal structure of and interpersonal aspects of supervisor-subordinate relations. Prereq: Graduate standing.

COMM 786. Risk Communication. 3 Credits.

Explores the relationship between communication strategies and risk perception, assessment, and management. Cross-listed with SAFE 786.

COMM 790. Graduate Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

COMM 791. Temporary/Trial Topics. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 792. Graduate Teaching Experience. 1-6 Credits.

COMM 793. Individual Study/Tutorial. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 794. Practicum. 1-15 Credits.

COMM 795. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

COMM 796. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 797. Master's Paper. 1-3 Credits.

COMM 798. Master's Thesis. 1-10 Credits.

COMM 799. Master's Examination. 1-6 Credits.

Literature review, research and preparation for the master's examination option.

COMM 892. Graduate Teaching Experience. 1-6 Credits.

COMM 893. Individual Study/Tutorial. 1-5 Credits.

COMM 894. Practicum/Internship. 1-8 Credits.

COMM 898. Continuing Enrollment. 1-9 Credits.

For graduate students who have completed all necessary credits of course work including thesis (798) and dissertation (899) on their approved Plan of Study, but who have not yet completed and submitted their thesis or dissertation. This course does not count towards the credit requirements for the degree and is not financial aid eligible. Department consent required to enroll.

COMM 899. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-15 Credits.