

Communication Overview

Rhetoric is where the study of Communication began. By definition, rhetoric refers to oratory or persuasive speaking. The Communication faculty promotes the study and application of human communication and mass communication concepts and skills for work and life roles. Students enroll in Communication courses to fulfill Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements and graduation requirements.

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COMM 1710 Fundamentals of Public Speaking

This course covers the basic principles of preparing, researching, and delivering informative, persuasive, impromptu, and extemporaneous speeches. Instructional methodologies instruct students on computer-mediated communication issues as well as international audience analysis and multi-cultural demands of public speaking venues. In addition, this course will include audience analysis and suggestions for overcoming speech anxiety. Students will analyze and evaluate the arguments and rhetorical methods used in public communication. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 8) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1720 Interpersonal Communication

This course focuses on the practical and theoretical concepts of human communications and the styles used in personal, social and professional environments. Students will also acquire skills in critical thinking, perception, listening, verbal and non-verbal expressions and conflict resolution. Students will evaluate their individual strengths and weaknesses in depth and develop techniques to improve interpersonal relations. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 7) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1730 Intercultural Communication

This course will study the influence of cultural differences on communication from both the sender and receiver of information. The course views the human communication process as it is influenced by nationality, ethnicity, linguistic development and gender. The course will explore the ways in which culture can shape the view of “reality” held by its members and influence communication patterns and cross-cultural relationships. Specifically, the United States cultural orientations will be compared to those in other regions of the world. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 8) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1740 Mass Media and Communications

The influence of mass media communications on today’s culture is an important issue in the United States and throughout many parts of the world. Students will research the influence of mass media on society. Topics include: advertising, propaganda, ethics, First Amendment issues, the role of government, literacy requirements of a digital world, and problems and criticisms of media. (Prerequisite(s): Grade of “C” or better in READ 0721 or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1750 Small Group Communication

In this course students will study communication in small groups. Topics include effective group communication theory and skills; group leadership, cohesion and roles; conflict resolution and decision making; planning and conducting meetings; and parliamentary procedure. The course explores group functioning in a variety of settings, including the workplace. There is an emphasis on the practical application of the content and the practice of oral communication skills. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1770 Family Communication

This course centers upon the human communication process from within the contextual dimensions of diverse family units. Elements of study include family patterns and functions, which drive communication, relationship development and its barriers, and family role definitions and functions. The course is designed to provide a sense of understanding of how a family communicates, and the forces which influence the family unit, from both the inside and outside of various family configurations. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 7) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1780 Gender Communication

This course explores the many interconnected aspects of gender communication, enabling students to experience how gender, within communication and culture, creates, maintains, and changes interpersonal relationships. Communication contexts covered in the course will include family, friendships, education, the media, the workplace, and other markers of identity. (MnTC: Goals 1 & 7) 3C/3/0/0

COMM 1790 Special Topics in Communications

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. (MnTC: Goal 1) Variable credits 1-6

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