

COMMUNICATION

Programs

The Department of Communication offers two majors and minors: Communication and Public Relations.

- Communication Major
- Communication Minor
- Public Relations Major
- Public Relations Minor

Double Major and Minor Configurations

- **Communication and Public Relations Double Major:** Students must complete all Public Relations major requirements, plus eight additional Communication courses, including COMM 1100 and COMM 2200. COMM 4980 cannot be repeated. 57 credits total.
- **Communication Major with Public Relations Minor:** Students must complete all Communication major requirements, plus five additional courses. COMM 1102, COMM 2201, and COMM 3324 are required if not taken as part of the Communication major. COMM 4980 cannot be repeated. 45 credits total.
- **Public Relations Major with Communication Minor:** Students must complete all Public Relations major requirements, plus four additional Communication courses. COMM 2200 must be completed. COMM 4980 does not count toward the four additional Communication courses. 45 credits total.
- **Communication and Public Relations Double Minor:** Classes do not double count between Communication and Public Relations minors. Students who wish to minor in both are recommended to consider adding a major in Communication.

Independent Study and Internship Policies

The Department of Communication offers credit for independent study, COMM 4990, to highly self-motivated Communication and Public Relations majors in their junior or senior year of studies. Interested students must discuss and document their independent study proposals with a member of the communication faculty before registering for credit.

The Department of Communication also sponsors an active internship program for qualified (2.80 overall GPA) junior and senior majors. Students may earn no more than six internship credits. One three-credit internship course, COMM 4980, can be used in fulfillment of the final elective requirement in the Communication or Public Relations majors. Communication and Public Relations majors interested in applying for an internship complete the departmental internship application form before registering for COMM 4980.

Accelerated BA/MA Program

The Department of Communication offers an accelerated BA/MA program in Communication. Interested students should apply during the spring of their Junior year.

Upon acceptance, students will work directly with the Graduate Director to develop a plan of study. Students will remain at the undergraduate level, but are allowed to register for two graduate classes during their senior year. One class should be COMM 5401, which will replace COMM 4999. Accelerated students are expected to enroll in a

communication elective as needed to ensure that ten undergraduate communication courses are taken to complete the major.

During their final semester, typically in the spring, students will need to apply to the program officially to become a matriculated graduate student upon completion of their undergraduate degree.

Eligibility Requirements

Full-time, matriculated students in the Department of Communication may apply to the MA in Communication Program if they fulfil the following criteria:

- GPA of 3.20 or higher
- Completion of at least 96 credits prior to the start of their senior year