

# Communication (COMM)

## Courses

### COMM A111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 Credits

Introduction to oral communication focusing on interpersonal, small group and public speaking processes. Students develop oral communication skills for improving feedback, active listening, language usage, nonverbal behavior, audience analysis, and techniques for speech preparation, delivery and alleviating speaking anxiety.

**Special Note:** Students who qualify for placement in WRTG A111 or have already completed WRTG A111 are qualified for this course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Appropriate test score on English placement test, SAT Verbal Section, or ACT English Test will waive the ENGL A109 or WRTG A110 prerequisite.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C or (Accuplacer-Reading Comp with a score of 080 and Accuplacer-Sentence Skills with a score of 090) or Accuplacer-Sum AASS + AARC with a score of 170 or (Accuplacer NG Writing with a score of 265 and Accuplacer NG Reading with a score of 265) or Accuplacer NG AAWR + AARE with a score of 530 or Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or EVIDENCE-BASED READ/WRIT SCORE with a score of 560.

**Attributes:** UAA Oral Communication GER.

### COMM A235 Small Group Communication 3 Credits

Practical application of the theories of interaction, information sharing, decision making, team building and problem solving to small group situations. Principles of conflict, leadership, group roles, self-evaluation, evidence and reasoning are explored through group observation, practice and analysis. Students develop oral communication skills by engaging in a variety of individual and group presentations.

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**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C or (Accuplacer-Reading Comp with a score of 080 and Accuplacer-Sentence Skills with a score of 090) or Accuplacer-Sum AASS + AARC with a score of 170 or (Accuplacer NG Writing with a score of 265 and Accuplacer NG Reading with a score of 265) or Accuplacer NG AAWR + AARE with a score of 530 or Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or EVIDENCE-BASED READ/WRIT SCORE with a score of 560.

**Attributes:** UAA Oral Communication GER.

### COMM A236 Interviewing 3 Credits

Introduces and examines theories, practices and individual responsibilities in information gathering, employment and persuasive interviews.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

### COMM A237 Interpersonal Communication 3 Credits

Understanding and building interpersonal communication skills.

Students use experiential and oral performance approaches to explore nonverbal and verbal channels, emotions, empathetic listening, perception, self-disclosure, and conflict in significant personal and professional relationships.

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**Registration Restrictions:** Appropriate test score on English placement test, SAT Verbal Section, or ACT English Test will waive the ENGL A109 or WRTG A110 prerequisite.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C or (Accuplacer-Reading Comp with a score of 080 and Accuplacer-Sentence Skills with a score of 090) or Accuplacer-Sum AASS + AARC with a score of 170 or (Accuplacer NG Writing with a score of 265 and Accuplacer NG Reading with a score of 265) or Accuplacer NG AAWR + AARE with a score of 530 or Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or EVIDENCE-BASED READ/WRIT SCORE with a score of 560.

**Attributes:** UAA Oral Communication GER.

### COMM A241 Public Speaking 3 Credits

Speaking skills for individual presentations. Preparation, delivery and analysis of speeches in various platform speaking situations. Includes verbal and nonverbal skills, critical thinking in selecting and organizing materials, audience analysis, informative and persuasive presentations.

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**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C or (Accuplacer-Reading Comp with a score of 080 and Accuplacer-Sentence Skills with a score of 090) or Accuplacer-Sum AASS + AARC with a score of 170 or (Accuplacer NG Writing with a score of 265 and Accuplacer NG Reading with a score of 265) or Accuplacer NG AAWR + AARE with a score of 530 or Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or EVIDENCE-BASED READ/WRIT SCORE with a score of 560.

**Attributes:** UAA Oral Communication GER.

**COMM A255 Organizational Communication 3 Credits**

Explores the essential nature and experience of communication in organizations. Analyzes and synthesizes approaches, theories and research conceptions of organizations including metaphors for organizational communication, culture and climate within organizations, socialization/assimilation/membership negotiation, power, motivation/performance, and organizational innovation and change.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**Attributes:** UAA Social Sciences GER.

**COMM A280 Communication Theories in Action 3 Credits**

Explores and analyzes major communication theories, principles and research paradigms in interpersonal, group, organizational and public contexts. Focuses on applying these theories to real world situations.

**Attributes:** UAA Social Sciences GER.

**COMM A300 Health Communication 3 Credits**

Explores, examines and analyzes communication dynamics that exist between participants across a wide range of health contexts, including care providers, patients/clients, peers, friends and family members. Explores, examines and analyzes how health-related messages may be constructed and conveyed in social, cultural and organizational contexts. Explores health-related discourse in the public sphere, looking at the communicative dimensions of health-related campaigns and public policy.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A305 Intercultural Communication 3 Credits**

Examines the processes of interpersonal communication when the effects of cultural differences create dissimilar interpretations and expectations for interpersonal interaction. Explores theories and experiences of communication in intercultural relationships.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**Attributes:** UAA Diversity & Inclusion GER.

**COMM A320 Argumentation and Debate 3 Credits**

Introduces students to debating as a practical application of argumentation theory. Reviews argumentation theory that serves as the foundation for skill development in inventing, researching, phrasing and articulating arguments in the context of academic debating. Develops students' ability to prepare for, participate in and appraise academic debates.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A330 Collaboration and Group Decision Making 3 Credits**

Explores, analyzes and applies group decision making theories and processes. Focuses on understanding the role communication plays in affecting and enhancing a group's ability to engage in effective decision making strategies. Examines both descriptive and prescriptive approaches to group decision making and includes practical application of group decision making theories.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A335 Communication and Conflict 3 Credits**

Examines the nature of conflict in interpersonal, family, social, organizational and global contexts. Analyzes the theory and practice of the development and contributing factors of conflict; productive and destructive conflict; and conflict management strategies and tactics.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A340 Nonverbal Communication 3 Credits**

Examines and analyzes both theoretical and research literature pertinent to nonverbal communication behavior, including kinetics, touch, voice, appearance and territoriality; as well as the social functions of nonverbal communication, including impression formation and management, regulation of interaction, and social influence and power.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A341 Advanced Public Speaking 3 Credits**

Explores the theory and practice of public speaking. Builds on theories and skills relevant to informative, persuasive and special occasion speeches. Examines and analyzes the qualities of and prepares students to deliver well-organized, highly developed presentations in a polished, professional manner appropriate to the audience and occasion.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A345 Communication and Gender 3 Credits**

Provides a historical, theoretical, and contemporary view of how communication, culture, and gender interact and create meaning in interpersonal, professional and political settings.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A110 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A350 Communication in the Workplace 3 Credits**

Explores communication processes in working relationships. Examines and analyzes the role of communication in structural issues such as workplace culture, climate and group collaboration; and interpersonal issues, including communication styles, conflict, gossip, workplace risks and informal communication.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A360 Competitive Debating 3 Credits**

Explores the theory and practice of competitive academic debating. Considers competitive debating from the perspective of debater, adjudicator and competition organizer.

**Special Note:** May be repeated once for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:** Faculty permission.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A370 Relational Communication 3 Credits**

Examines and analyzes communication processes in intimate personal relationships. Examines the role of communication in relationship processes and practices including relationship engagement, maintenance and disengagement.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A385 Communication Research Methods 3 Credits**

Examines the research methods used in the communication discipline. Includes a review of research ethics as well as analysis, evaluation, and application of research methods.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A390 Selected Topics in Communication 3 Credits**

Explores selected topics in communication arising from special circumstances of demand or faculty expertise. Specific titles as announced.

**Special Note:** May be repeated twice for credit with a change of subtitle.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A412 Persuasion 3 Credits**

Examines history, modern theory, and practical application of persuasion perspectives and theories. Reviews current literature and examines and analyzes persuasion across diverse audiences and cultural contexts.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A10 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A20 with a minimum grade of C.

**Attributes:** UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

**COMM A420 Family Communication 3 Credits**

Explores interpersonal communication processes in the family. Examines the role of communication in family systems, roles and decision-making; and analyzes the role of communication in power, conflict and family stresses.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.

**COMM A450 Communication and Leadership 3 Credits**

Examines the study of leadership with an emphasis on the communication dimensions of the theories, processes and practices of leadership. Analyzes and evaluates leadership strategies and tactics, as well as the interaction of communication and leadership.

**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A235 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A237 with a minimum grade of C or COMM A241 with a minimum grade of C.