Communication (COMM)

Courses

COMM A101 Introduction to Human Communication 3 Credits
Introduces basic perspectives, methods, and theories about human communication in personal and professional contexts. Topics include: conflict, gender, interpersonal relationships, listening, organizational communication, persuasion, rhetoric, and small group dynamics.

COMM A111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 Credits
Survey of communication principles, theories, and skills including interpersonal communication, small group communication, and public speaking. Students develop oral communication skills through practice in a variety of individual activities, group activities, and individual and group presentations.

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: ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A111 or WRTG A211 or WRTG A212 or WRTG A213 or WRTG A214 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 Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or Original ACT English with a score of 22 or ACT English with a score of 22 or SAT Critical Reading Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal with a score of 530 or (COMPASS E-Write (1-12 scale) with a score of 10 and COMPASS Reading Skills with a score of 75).

Attributes: UAA Oral Communication GER.

COMM A235 Small Group Communication 3 Credits
Study of theories and skills related to small group communication. Emphasis is on the communicative skills involved in group relationships and group decision making processes in both professional and personal contexts. Students develop oral communication skills by engaging in practice in a variety of individual exercises and presentations, and group presentations.

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Prerequisites: ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A211 or WRTG A212 or WRTG A213 or WRTG A214 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 Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or Original ACT English with a score of 22 or ACT English with a score of 22 or SAT Critical Reading Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal with a score of 530 or (COMPASS E-Write (1-12 scale) with a score of 10 and COMPASS Reading Skills with a score of 75).

Attributes: UAA Oral Communication GER.

COMM A236 Interviewing 3 Credits
Examines theories and individual responsibilities in information gathering, employment and persuasive interviews. Students practice face-to-face verbal and nonverbal communication through role-played interviews.

Prerequisites: COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241.

COMM A237 Interpersonal Communication 3 Credits
Study of theories and skills related to dyadic communication and the variables which affect it, including conflict, culture, gender, and rules in both personal and professional contexts. Students will develop oral communication skills designed to improve communication in relationships by engaging in a variety of individual exercises, individual presentations, and group activities.

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: ENGL A109 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A110 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A211 or WRTG A212 or WRTG A213 or WRTG A214 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 Enhanced ACT English with a score of 22 or Original ACT English with a score of 22 or ACT English with a score of 22 or SAT Critical Reading Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal Score with a score of 530 or SAT Verbal with a score of 530 or (COMPASS E-Write (1-12 scale) with a score of 10 and COMPASS Reading Skills with a score of 75).

Attributes: UAA Oral Communication GER.
COMM A241 Public Speaking 3 Credits
Study of theories and skills applicable to informative, persuasive, and special occasion platform speaking. Emphasis on effective selection, organization, and presentation of material to diverse audiences across diverse settings. Students will develop oral communication skills by engaging in a variety of exercises and individual presentations. 
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**Attributes:** UAA Oral Communication GER. 

COMM A305 Intercultural Communication 3 Credits
Examines the process 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 A101 or COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237. 

COMM A320 Argumentation and Debate 3 Credits
An introduction to debating as a practical application of argumentation theory. A review of argumentation theory serves as the foundation for skill development in inventing, researching, phrasing and articulating arguments in the context of academic debating. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A241. 

COMM A340 Nonverbal Communication 3 Credits
Covers theoretical and research literature pertinent to nonverbal communication behavior. Focuses on the pervasive role that movement plays in the formal and informal communication process. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A341 Advanced Public Speaking 3 Credits
Provides students with an opportunity to develop excellence in advocacy and public address. Builds on theories and skills relevant to informative, persuasive and special occasion speeches, and provides high level instruction in the use of visual aids. Prepares students to deliver well-organized, highly developed presentations in a polished, professional manner appropriate to the audience and occasion. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A241. 

COMM A345 Women and Communication 3 Credits
Provides a historical, theoretical, and contemporary view of how communication, culture, and gender interact and create meaning. Includes an examination of the experience of women historically in interpersonal, professional, and political settings. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A101 or COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A346 Oral Interpretation of Literature 3 Credits
Theory and practice of the art of oral interpretation in order to stimulate an understanding of and responsiveness to prose, poetry and drama, and to develop the ability to convey to others, through oral reading, an appreciation of literature. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A360 Competitive Debating 3 Credits
Study of the theory and practice of competitive academic debating. Students will consider 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 or COMM A241. 

COMM A370 Relational Communication 3 Credits
Study of communication processes in intimate personal relationships. Examines the role of communication in relationship engagement, relationship maintenance and relationship disengagement. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A101 or COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237. 

COMM A380 Theories of Human Communication 3 Credits
Study of major communication theories, principles, and research paradigms in interpersonal, group, organizational, and public contexts. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A390 Selected Topics in Communication 3 Credits
Selected topics in communication arising from special circumstances of demand or faculty expertise. Specific titles as announced. 
**Special Note:** May be repeated once for credit with a change of subtitle. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A410 Communication in Education 3 Credits
Explores theories, research, symbolic activity and communication behavior at play in a range of teaching, training and learning environments. Considers the nature of personal, public, political and cultural discourse surrounding educational processes, issues and debates. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241. 

COMM A412 Persuasion 3 Credits
Explores history, modern theory, and practical application of persuasion theory. A review of current literature, examination of persuasion in interpersonal, organizational, political, and public contexts. 
**Prerequisites:** COMM A101 or COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241.
COMM A420 Family Communication 3 Credits
Study of interpersonal communication processes in the family. Examines the role of communication in family systems, roles, and decision-making; as well as the role of communication in power, conflict, and family stresses.
Prerequisites: COMM A101 or COMM A111 or COMM A235 or COMM A237 or COMM A241.