

## **Communication Studies Major Requirements For Students Matriculating in 2010**

### ***Distribution Requirements***

- Eighteen courses outside the department including three from each Distribution area.

### ***Grade Requirements***

- All distribution and major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher, and may not be taken P/N.

### ***Double Counting***

Students **may not** double count courses between their Comm Studies major and any other major, minor, or certificate either inside or outside of SoC (including the business institutions minor and the integrated marketing certificate), with the following exceptions:

- A non-SoC major or minor satisfies the field of concentration requirement for the communication studies major.
- Students may apply GenCmn 204 to the leadership certificate and as one of three 200-level courses in the School of Communication (but not as one of the 6 in the department).
- Students may double count any courses taken for the music theatre certificate with the three 200-level courses in SoC that are not required to be in the Department of Communication Studies.
- Students may double count up to two courses for the creative writing for the media certificate toward the three 200-level courses in SoC that are not required to be in the Department of Communication Studies.
- Students may double count up to two courses for the film and media studies minor toward the three 200-level courses in SoC that are not required to be in the Department of Communication Studies.

### ***Major Courses (14 Credits)***

- Fourteen courses in the School of Communication, including at least ten in communication studies.

### Core Classes:

- \*GEN CMN 102 Public Speaking
- \*COMM ST 205 Theories of Persuasion
- \*COMM ST 270 Theories of Mediated Communication

\*Students should complete these courses and COMM ST 220, Theories of Argumentation, before the end of their sophomore year because the material covered is prerequisite to more advanced courses.

- A two-course writing sequence consisting of COMM ST 220, Theories of Argumentation, for which students will complete shorter essay assignments, and COMM ST 394, a Communication Research Seminar, for which students will complete a longer research paper on a topic related to the seminar theme. COMM ST 394 must be taken during the junior year.
- An additional 9 200 or 300-level School of Communication Courses, at least 6 of which must be in the department; of those 6, at least 4 must be at the 300-level.
- Not more than 2 units may come from any combination of the following: 290 Forensics, 393 Field Study, 1 or 2 units 389 Practicum in Communication Research, or 1 or 2 units of 399 Independent Study. However, additional 399s may be counted as electives.
- A field of concentration in one area outside of the School of Communication (typically one of the disciplines of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences), consisting of at least 6 courses, including at least 3 courses at the 300 or 400 level. **Courses taken to satisfy the distribution requirement may be applied to the field of concentration if they fall within the discipline in which you choose to concentrate.** A non-SoC minor, dual or adjunct major satisfies this requirement.
- Electives in SoC and other areas to complete a minimum of 45 credits.
- Language requirement: proficiency in a classical or modern foreign language. Proficiency is established in the same way as in WCAS. See the section on the language requirement in this guide.