

Minor in Communication Studies

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Why study communication studies?

The Communication Studies undergraduate major equips students with a diversity of skill sets by investigating communication in various cultural contexts, including relational, organizational, intercultural, political, and more.

In an increasingly globalized world, competent communication is crucial for career advancement, interpersonal relationships, and public democratic participation. Here's what we know: humans rely on communication, and the creation and translation of symbols, language, and messages are integral to daily interactions. In other words, communication connects us.

The major expands on fundamental public speaking principles from the introductory course through emphasizing theories, methods, performances that apply to everyday communication practices.

Requirements for the Minor

Prerequisite Knowledge. Minors must complete a public speaking requirement. These hours do not contribute to the minimum number of hours required for the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
Speaker-Audience Communication Prerequisite Knowledge		
Satisfied by one of the following with a grade of C or better (or a waiver)		
COMS 130	Public Speaking	
COMS 131	Public Speaking, Honors	
COMS 244	Interpersonal Communication	
Exemption		

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Studies Course Requirements		
Satisfied by 6 COMS courses (18 hours), 12 hours must be at the 300+ level.		18
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Minor Graduation GPA