Minor in Communication Studies

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

Students selecting the communication studies minor must complete 6 COMS courses (18 hours).

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

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Communication Studies Course Requirements. Satisfied by 6 COMS courses (18 hours), 12 hours at the 300+ level.

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
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa/).