

# Communication Teaching Major

Students may earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA) or Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in Communication Teaching. The State of Utah endorses secondary teachers in two areas of Communication: Speech and Journalism. Accordingly, the Communication Teaching Major is divided into two concentrations: Communication Studies (Speech) and Journalism. All Communication Teaching Majors must complete one of these two concentrations.

**Program Prerequisite:** Teaching majors must meet the Teacher Education admission and certification requirements (see Teacher Education Department in 2005-2006 Catalog).

**Minor:** Required.

**Grade Requirements:** A grade of “C” or better in courses required for this major (a grade of “C-” is not acceptable) in addition to an overall GPA of 3.00 (required for admission to the Teacher Education program).

**Credit Hour Requirements:** A total of 120 credit hours is required for graduation—47 or 48 of these are required within the major, depending on the selected concentration. A total of 40 upper division credit hours are required (courses numbered 3000 and above)—a minimum of 24 are required within the major.

## Requirements for Admission to the Major:

1. Complete the following three pre-major **foundation** courses with an overall grade point average of 2.5 and a grade of “C” or better:  
COMM HU1020—Principles of Public Speaking  
COMM 1130—Media Writing  
COMM HU2110—Interpersonal & Small Group Communication
2. Achieve a grade point average of 2.5 or higher in 30 credit hours.
3. Meet the general education requirements for Composition and Quantitative Literacy.

*To enroll in 3000 and 4000 level Communication courses, a student must be admitted as a major or hold upper division standing in the University.*

## Communication Foundation, Core, and Depth Courses

**Students must successfully complete a series of foundation, core, and depth courses.**

**Foundation Courses**—Communication courses required for admission to the major.

**Core Courses**—Communication courses required of **all** Communication majors regardless of their chosen concentrations.

**Depth Courses**—required and elective Communication courses that are specified and vary based on the interdisciplinary concentration and emphasis area selected.

### I. Required **Foundation** Courses (6 credits)

- COMM HU1020 Principles of Public Speaking (3) *Su, F, S*<sup>1</sup>
- OR**
- COMM HU2110 Interpersonal & Small Group Communication (3) *Su, F, S*
- COMM 1130 Media Writing (3) *Su, F, S*

**NOTE:** Students must take either COMM HU1020 or COMM HU2110 as their *Foundation* requirement, whichever one is **not** used for Teacher Education admission requirements.

### II. Required **Core** Courses (15 credits)

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<sup>1</sup>The symbols “*Su, F, S*” represent the semesters (Summer, Fall, Spring) the courses are typically offered. If no symbols are shown, contact the appropriate department to determine when the course is offered.

- COMM 3000 Communication Theory (3) *Su, F, S*
- COMM SI3150 Communication Research Methods (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000)
- COMM 3650 Communication Law (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*
- COMM 4840 Teaching Journalism and Advising Student Medias (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F (odd numbered years)*

**OR**

- COMM 4850 Teaching Speech and Speech Activities (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F (odd numbered years)*
- COMM 4990 Senior Seminar (3) (Prerequisite: COMM 3000, Communication Major with Senior-level standing) *Su, F, S*

**III. Required Depth Courses**

**A. Communication Studies (Speech) Concentration (21 credits)**

- COMM 2200 Argumentation & Debate (3) *F*
- COMM HU2010 Mass Media & Society (3) *F, S*
- COMM 3060 Listening Theory (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM 3070 Performance Studies (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM 3120 Advanced Public Speaking (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *S*
- COMM 3810 Persuasive Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *Su, F, S*
- COMM 4150 Classical Rhetorical Criticism (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*

**B. Journalism Concentration (20 credits)**

- COMM 1500 Introduction to Mass Media (3) *Su, F, S*
- COMM HU2010 Mass Media & Society (3) *F, S*
- COMM 2350 Communication Graphics (3) *F, S*
- COMM 2890 Cooperative Work Experience–*Signpost* (2)\* *F, S*  
\*Taken for 1 credit hour for two semesters
- COMM 3130 News Reporting & Writing (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM 3220 Editing (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*
- COMM 3740 Copywriting for Audio & Video (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*

**IV. Elective Depth Courses**

**A. Communication Studies (Speech) Concentration (6 credits)**

Select two (2) courses from the following:

- COMM 3050 Theory and Literature of Interpersonal Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*
- COMM DV3080 Intercultural Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *S*
- COMM DV3090 Gender & Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM 3100 Small Group Facilitation & Leadership (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *S*
- COMM 3550 Organizational Communication (3) *Su, F, S*

**B. Journalism Concentration (6 credits)**

Select two (2) courses from the following:

- COMM 1560 Audio Production & Performance (3) *F*
- COMM 2200 In-Studio Video Production & Performance (3) *F*
- COMM 3050 Theory and Literature of Interpersonal Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*
- COMM DV3080 Intercultural Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *S*
- COMM DV3090 Gender & Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*

- COMM 3100 Small Group Facilitation & Leadership (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) S
- COMM 3440 Public Relations Writing (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) F
- COMM 3550 Organizational Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) Su, F, S
- COMM 3780 Broadcast News Writing & Production (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) F
- COMM 3810 Persuasive Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) Su, F, S
- COMM 4130 In-Depth & Investigative Journalism (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) S

### **Communication Teaching Major Summary**

<b>I.</b>	<b>Required Foundation Courses</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Required Core Courses</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Required Depth Courses</b>	<b>20-21 credits</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Elective Depth Courses</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>47-48 credits</b>