

Interpersonal & Family Communication Interdisciplinary Concentration

The Interpersonal & Family Communication interdisciplinary concentration is designed to help students understand, explain and improve friendship, marriage, family and other meaningful long- and short-term interpersonal relationships. Communication is the central enabling feature or framework through which we all function, create and share meaning, sustain identities and negotiate our relationships with each other and the rest of the world. This program of study will teach you to understand complex, dynamic relationships.

Communication Foundation, Core, Depth, and Breadth Courses

To earn a Communication degree students must successfully complete a series of foundation, core, depth and breadth courses as defined below:

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.

Breadth Courses—required and elective courses from other departments within the University that are specified and vary based on the interdisciplinary concentration and emphasis area selected.

I. Required Foundation Courses (9 credits)

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

II. Required Core Courses (15 credits)

- 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 4890 Internship (External) (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *Su, F, S*
- COMM 4990 Senior Seminar (3) (Prerequisite: COMM 3000, Communication Major with Senior-level standing) *Su, F, S*

¹The symbols "*Su, F, S*" represent the semesters (Summer, Fall, Spring) the courses are typically offered. If no symbols are shown, contact the department to determine when the course is offered.

III. Required Depth Courses (21 credits)

- COMM HU2010 Mass Media and Society (3) *F, S*
- COMM 3050 Theory & Literature of Interpersonal Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F, S*
- COMM 3060 Listening Theory (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM DV3080 Intercultural Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *S*
- COMM DV3090 Gender & Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *F*
- COMM 3550 Organizational Communication (3) (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000) *Su, F, S*
- COMM 4500 Topics in Communication (3) (only when offered as “Family Communication” (Pre/co-requisite: COMM 3000)

IV. Required Breadth Courses (9 credits)

- CHF 1400 Marriage as an Interpersonal Process (3)
- CHF 2400 Family Relations (3)
- WS SS/DV 1500 Introduction to Women’s Studies (3)

V. Elective Breadth Courses (12 credits)

In consultation with your Communication Department adviser, you will select four (4) courses (12 credit hours) from the list below to provide you with an appropriate knowledge base related to Interpersonal & Family Communication [no more than two of the courses (6 credit hrs) may be taken within a single department].

- CHF SS1500 Human Development (3)
- CHF DV3350 Diverse Families (3)
- CHF 3650 Family Processes (3) (Prerequisite: CHF 2400 and CHF DV3350)
- CHF 4400 The Family in Stress (3)
- CHF 4520 Basic Mediation Training (3)
- ENGL HU/DV2710 Perspectives on Women’s Literature (3)
- HLTH 2400 Art of Emotional Wellness (3) *F, S*
- HLTH 3500 Human Sexuality (3) *Su, F, S*
- PSY DV2370 Psychology of Women and Gender (3) (Prerequisite: PSY SS1010)
- PSY DV3100 Psychology of Diversity (3)
- PSY 3460 Social Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: PSY SS1010)
- SOC SS/DV1020 Social Problems (3)
- SOC SS1030 American Social Institutions: Past, Present, and Future (3)

- SOC 1110 Courtship & Marriage (3)
- SOC 3000 Social Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: SOC SS/DV 1010 or SOC SS/DV 1020 or SOC SS1030)
- SOC DV3010 Social Stratification (3) (Prerequisite: SOC SS/DV 1010 or SOC SS/DV 1020 or SOC SS1030)
- SOC 3110 Sociology of the Family
- SOC DV3120 Sex/Gender Roles

Communication Major/Interpersonal & Family Communication Summary

I.	Required Foundation Courses	9 credits
II.	Required Core Courses	15 credits
III.	Required Depth Courses	21 credits
IV.	Required Breadth Courses	9 credits
V.	Elective Breadth Courses within one Emphasis Area	12 credits
TOTAL		66 credits