

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES (COMST)

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**Courses primarily for undergraduates:**

## **COMST 1010: Introduction to Communication Studies**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An introduction to communication theory, the development and functions of communication, and a survey of verbal, nonverbal, interpersonal, small group, organizational, and intercultural communication.

## **COMST 1040: Orientation to Communication Studies**

Credits: 1. Contact Hours: Lecture 1.

*Prereq: Major in Communication Studies*

Orientation to Communication Studies discipline, program requirements and career opportunities. Required of communication studies majors. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

## **COMST 2100: Communication and U.S. Diversity**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Introduction to the role of diversity in communication. Developing competent communication with diverse social groups within interpersonal and organizational contexts in the United States. Topics may include structured reflection of one's role in diverse communication experiences, cultural variations in communication mores, impacts of racial/ethnic/gender identities on communication, workplace policies regarding cultural diversity, the intersection of communication and cultural privilege, communication practices that can reduce prejudice/discrimination, and communication characteristics of advocates for diversity. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

## **COMST 2110: Interpersonal Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Application of major principles related to interpersonal communication theories, concepts, and research. Emphasis on using interpersonal communication skills effectively.

## **COMST 2140: Professional Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Communication theory and skill development in organizational settings. Emphasis on interpersonal skill development, team and meeting facilitation, informational interviewing, individual and team presentations, and self-assessment. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

## **COMST 2180: Conflict Management**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Exploration of communication theories, principles and methods associated with effective conflict management.

## **COMST 3010: Human Communication Theory**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010*

Examination of the major theories related to human communication; with particular emphasis on theories underlying interpersonal, small group, organizational, and intercultural communication.

## **COMST 3030: Introduction to Communication Research Methods**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010; 3 additional credits in COMST*

An introduction to evaluating, analyzing, and conducting communication research. Provides an overview of quantitative and qualitative approaches to communication research that are beneficial to learn communication concepts and solve communication issues.

## **COMST 3100: Intercultural Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010*

Examines the theories, principles and research on intercultural communication to enhance cultural sensitivity and to recognize, accept, and adapt to cultural diversity. Interactive assignments. Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

## **COMST 3110: Relational Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010*

Contemporary relational communication theories, concepts, and research. Examines issues central to communication and its application in interpersonal relationships.

## **COMST 3130: Leadership Communication Theories**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010*

Investigation of theories, research and principles of leadership communication. Exploration of the contexts in which leadership and communication occurs, with emphasis on the connection between communication and leadership and the dyadic linkage of leader and follower. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

## **COMST 3140: Organizational Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: COMST 1010*

Theory and research in organizational communication. Provides strategies for assessing and improving individual and organizational communication effectiveness. Addresses issues such as technology, diversity, work-life negotiation, emotional labor, conflict, socialization, and socially responsible organizations. Explores how organizational meaning is created and sustained through human communication.

**COMST 3170: Small Group Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq:* COMST 1010

Theory and research in small group communication; application to group decision-making and leadership. Includes communication analyses of groups and teams.

**COMST 3190: Communication Training and Development**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq:* COMST 1010

Theories and approaches to communication training and development; includes adult learning theory. Emphasis on the design, presentation and assessment of communication skills in organizational contexts.

**COMST 3250: Nonverbal Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq:* COMST 1010

Approaches to studying nonverbal communication. Foci include topics such as emotion, gestures, gaze, use of space, and parsing intention in social interaction.

**COMST 3270: Persuasion and Social Influence**

(Cross-listed with PSYCH 3270).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Examination of theories and research in persuasive communication, including attitudes and social influence. Emphasis on persuasive communication strategies in everyday social settings that influence changes in attitudes and actions. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**COMST 3300: Computer Mediated Communication**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq:* COMST 1010

Theories and approaches related to mediated communication in interpersonal and organizational settings. Focus on how new technology impacts human interaction and relationships.

**COMST 4040: Research Seminar**

(Dual-listed with COMST 5040).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

*Prereq:* COMST 3010 and 3 Credits in COMST 3100, COMST 3110, COMST 3130, COMST 3140, COMST 3170, COMST 3190, COMST 3250, or COMST 3300

Capstone communication studies course. Students develop an original research study linked to the study of communication. Data are collected and analyzed. Results are presented in a final research paper and a presentation. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**COMST 4500A: Special Topics in Communication Studies: General**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable.

*Prereq:* Junior standing or Permission of Instructor

Research and theory related to special topics and issues in communication studies. Offered irregularly. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

**COMST 4500B: Special Topics in Communication Studies: Health Communication**

(Dual-listed with COMST 5500B).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq:* Junior standing or Permission of Instructor

Examines research, theories, and concepts relevant to health communication. Topics include studying the interpersonal, organizational, and mediated communication occurring in health care and public health settings, and understanding why effective communication contributes to positive health outcomes. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

**COMST 4900: Independent Study**

Credits: 1-3. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

*Prereq:* 9 credits in COMST; Junior classification; Permission of Instructor

Application must be submitted for approval the semester prior to the independent study. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**COMST 4910: Research Practicum**

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

*Prereq:* COMST 2030; COMST 3010; Permission of Instructor

Providing research assistance on projects conducted by Communication Studies faculty. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**COMST 4970: Professional Internship**

Credits: 1-3. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

*Prereq:* COMST 2030; COMST 3010; 1 additional 3000-level COMST course; Junior classification; Department Permission

100 hours of on-site professional work per credit hour plus completion of the academic requirement set by the internship committee. Application should be submitted in the term prior to the term in which the internship will be served. Internship cannot be used to meet degree requirement in Communication Studies. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:**

**COMST 5040: Research Seminar**

(Dual-listed with COMST 4040).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Research Seminar. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

**COMST 5500B: Special Topics in Communication Studies:Health**

(Dual-listed with COMST 4500B).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

**COMST 5900: Special Topics**

Credits: 1-4. Repeatable.

*Prereq: Instructor Permission for Course*

Application must be submitted for approval the semester prior to the independent study. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)