

COMMUNICATION MINOR

Banner Code: COM

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The minor in communication helps students build the communication skills that are necessary for success in technology-intensive, team-oriented, and multicultural workplaces. Students can choose to build skills in interpersonal and small group communication, presentations and public speaking, digital media production, and informational or persuasive writing. Alternatively, students considering graduate study in communication can take courses in communication research and theory.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. COMM 100 Public Speaking (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), COMM 101 Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), or COMM 487 Washington Media Institute cannot be used toward the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 208	Introduction to Media Production	3
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
COMM 320	Business and Professional Communication	3
Total Credits		9

Electives in Communication

Code	Title	Credits
Select three COMM courses from the following groups in any combination (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/comm/) ¹		9

Interpersonal communication or presentation skills

COMM 201	Small Group Communication
COMM 210	Voice and Articulation

COMM 301	Relational Communication Theory
COMM 310	Performance for Communication Arts
COMM 332	Nonverbal Communication
COMM 356	Video: Performance and Writing
COMM 440	Ceremonial Speech Writing and Performance

Media and digital production skills

COMM 354	Radio Production and Podcasting
COMM 358	Multi-Camera Studio Production
COMM 360	Digital Postproduction
COMM 364	Videography
COMM 384	Public Relations and Social Media

Informational and persuasive writing skills

COMM 203	Introduction to Journalism
COMM 204	Introduction to Public Relations

Other communication electives

Other COMM courses not included in the above groups, in consultation with the COMM minor advisor.

Total Credits 9

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