

# HEALTH COMMUNICATION MINOR

**Banner Code:** HCOM

## Academic Advising

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Health communication, one of the fastest growing fields in the broader communication discipline, addresses how communication intersects with all aspects of health (social, mental, and physical).

## 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. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 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

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 304	Foundations of Health Communication	3
COMM 430	Persuasion	3
COMM 334	Family and Health Communication	3
Total Credits		9

#### One Additional Communication Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
COMM 395	Special Topics in Health Communication	
COMM 399	Special Topics in Communication <sup>2</sup>	
COMM 433	Environmental Communication	
Total Credits		3

<sup>1</sup> Other COMM (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/comm/>) courses may be substituted with approval of the minor director.

<sup>2</sup> Requires approval of the minor director.

### Electives

Students should confer with the health communication minor program director when making choices among these courses. Other courses may be substituted with approval of the minor director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
HAP 301	Health Care Delivery in the United States	
HAP 310	Healthcare Ethics	
HAP 395	Health Care Finance	
HAP 425	Health Economics and Policy	
HAP 442	Introduction to Health Care Politics and Policy	
HAP 445	Introduction to Health Services Research	
HEAL 230	Introduction to Health Behavior (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HEAL 310	Drugs and Health	
HEAL 325	Health Aspects of Human Sexuality	
HEAL 327	Women's Health	
HEAL 331	Men's Health	
HEAL 350	Interventions for Populations and Communities at Risk	
HEAL 351	Relationship Health	
HEAL 372	Health Communication	
HHS 432	Healthy Aging	
GCH 205	Global Health (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GCH 300	Introduction to Public Health	
GCH 310	Health Behavior Theories	
GCH 350	Health Promotion and Education	
GCH 360	Health and Environment	
GCH 412	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	
GCH 445	Social Determinants of Health	
GCH 480	Health Maintenance and Health Aspects of Aging	
INTS 310	Violence and Gender	
INTS 314	Conflict, Trauma and Healing	
INTS 410	Contemporary Health Issues	
INTS 440	Death, Dying, and Decision Making	
NUTR 295	Introduction to Nutrition (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
NUTR 422	Nutrition throughout the Life Cycle	
PSYC 211	Developmental Psychology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
PSYC 313	Child Development	
PSYC 314	Adolescent Development	
PSYC 321	Clinical Psychology	
PSYC 322	Behavior Modification	
PSYC 325	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 326	Therapeutic Communication Skills	
PSYC 415	Psychological Factors in Aging	
PSYC 417	Science of Well Being	
PSYC 418	Death, Dying, and Grieving	
PSYC 466	Psychology of Intimate Relationships	
SOCI 390	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Disability	

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SOCW 410	Alcohol and Substance Abuse: Policies and Programs	
SOCW 415	Child and Family Welfare	
SOCW 435	Introduction to Gerontology	
SOCW 445	Social Determinants of Health	
Total Credits		6