

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

Interpersonal communication or presentation skills

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| COMM 201 | Small Group Communication |
| COMM 210 | Voice and Articulation |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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