COMMUNICATION (COMM)

100 Level Courses

COMM 100: Public Speaking. 3 credits.
Prepares individuals to develop effective presentations for public and professional settings while integrating appropriate technologies. Emphasizes analyzing audience; composing meaningful, coherent messages; conducting responsible research; developing effective arguments; and improving delivery skills to strengthen confidence and credibility. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 101: Fundamentals of Communication. 3 credits.
Prepares individuals to develop appropriate and effective communication strategies in one-to-one and small group communication settings. Emphasizes analyzing and assessing communication skills to create and sustain effective communication in personal and professional relationships. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 140: Forensics Seminar I. 0-4 credits.
Intensive work in creative forensics events, including rhetorical criticism and informative, persuasive, extemporaneous, after-dinner, and impromptu speaking. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition required.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 141: Forensics Seminar II. 0-4 credits.
Intensive work in creative forensics events, including dramatic duo, program interpretation, poetry interpretation, dramatic interpretation, and prose interpretation. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition required.

Schedule Type: Seminar

COMM 142: Debate Seminar I. 0-4 credits.
Work in affirmative research, case construction, and oral presentation; directed toward affirmative analysis of intercollegiate debate proposition. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition required.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 143: Debate Seminar II. 0-4 credits.
Work in negative research, case attacks, and oral presentation directed toward negative analysis of intercollegiate debate proposition. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition required.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 145: Newspaper Workshop I. 0-1 credits.
Practical experience in writing, editing, or business aspects of newspaper production at Broadside or other papers. Coordinated by newspaper faculty advisor. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 148: Radio Workshop I. 0-1 credits.
Students receive individual guidance while learning to be on-air show hosts at student internet radio station WGMU. New technologies such as computer automation systems and advanced production software are integrated throughout the curriculum to prepare students to engage in the most current applications for commercial and internet radio and podcasting. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: One 100 level COMM course, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 157: Digital Media Workshop.** 0-1 credits.

Offers students a hands-on introduction to digital tools of creative expression, involving the use of specific software and hardware, including operating systems, media editing programs, authoring applications, and software utilities. Notes: Students who have already completed or are in COMM 208 are not eligible to take this course. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 100 or 101 and declared major or minor in communication, undeclared major, or permission of undergraduate program director.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**200 Level Courses**

**COMM 200: Communication Theory.** 3 credits.

Introduces the field of communication, including perspectives on theory and research, topical areas within the discipline, basic research methodologies, and a survey of theories in those areas. Covers basic procedures for theory-building, research, and writing about communication. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 100 or COMM 101 or permission of undergraduate program director.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 201: Small Group Communication.** 3 credits.

Principles of communicating effectively in small group situations. Emphasizes problem-solving group communication. Practice in working cooperatively with others to complete projects using systematic approach to problem solving. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 101, or equivalent course.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 202: Media and Society.** 3 credits.

Examines the relationship between media and society through the study of the development of various media systems in the United States, including print media, radio, television, film, the recording industry, and new communication technologies. Introduces media effects and basic theories. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 203: Introduction to Journalism.** 3 credits.

American journalism including history and First Amendment components; role of professional journalist; print, broadcast, and computer assisted news operations; economics of publishing; and effect of new technologies. Serves as starting point for those interested in journalism careers and as orientation for those interested in learning more about news business operations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 204: Introduction to Public Relations.** 3 credits.

Introduces the evolving field of public relations and the role it plays in global business, politics and social interactions. Focuses on creation of integrated digital communication and social media engagement. This is a required course for the Communication Department Public Relations concentration and a prerequisite for several upper-level public relations courses. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 208: Introduction to Media Production.** 3 credits.

Provides a general introduction to media production with emphasis on the basics of multimedia tools for camera, audio, lighting, and editing, focusing on non-fiction, journalism, or public relations/advocacy presentations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 210: Voice and Articulation.** 3 credits.


**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)
COMM 230: Case Studies in Persuasion. 3 credits.
Examines common persuasive message strategies and approaches.
Covers basic principles of persuasive process. Case studies include
advertisements, speeches, and persuasive activities from all segments
of society. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 249: Communication Field Experience. 1-2 credits.
Field training and experience related to one of the five communication
department concentrations through faculty-approved activity support.
Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within
the term for a maximum 4 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies
Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits total.
Schedule Type: Activity-Based
Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 255: Introduction to Media Literacy. 3 credits.
Principles and practices of media literacy. Emphasizes critical viewing,
listening, and reading media skills; and media effects on consumer.
Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 260: Basic Debate Theory and Practice. 3 credits.
Theory and practice of formal debate, including approaches to analytical
reasoning, research, delivery, and conceptual basis for debate. Does
not require tournament participation. Offered by Communication
(http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 261: Theories of Argumentation. 3 credits.
Analyzes argument within communicative settings. Emphasizes
deductive and inductive forms of reasoning, fallacies in reasoning, tests
of evidence, and models for such analyses. Offered by Communication
(http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

300 Level Courses
COMM 300: Rhetorical Theory and Criticism. 3 credits.
Theories and principles of public communication, emphasizing methods
of persuasion, critical analysis, speaker-listener alignments in public
setting, and measurements of effective public communication. Offered by
Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Writing Intensive in Major
Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 200C, U200 or 200XS.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 301: Relational Communication Theory. 3 credits.
Theories and principles of interpersonal communication emphasizing
models of communication, verbal and nonverbal message systems, and
analysis of communicative relationships. Offered by Communication
(http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 302: Media Theory. 3 credits.
Provides a comprehensive review of mass communication and media
theory, focusing on media effects and the complex relationships between
media producers, messages, technologies, and users/audiences.
Examines role of media in news, politics, and popular culture. Offered by
Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 303: Writing across the Media. 3 credits.
Foundation course focusing on writing for the mass media: Internet,
public relations, newspapers, broadcast (television and radio) and
advertising with a strong emphasis on adherence to Associated Press
Style. Notes: Prerequisite for all communication media writing courses.
Lab work required. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 30 credits.
COMM 304: Foundations of Health Communication. 3 credits. 
Explores health communication research practice: the role of communication in health care delivery, health promotion and disease prevention, risk communication, and personal as well as psychological well-being. Examines interpersonal, organizational, team, family, and intercultural relationships. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 305: Foundations of Intercultural Communication. 3 credits. 
Analyzes communication variables as they relate to intercultural encounters. Emphasizes culture's influence on communication process, particularly influence of verbal and nonverbal communication on how message is interpreted. Notes: Communication majors are encouraged to complete COMM 200 prior to enrolling in this course. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Global Understanding (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

Recommended Prerequisite: 3 credits of 100 or 200-level COMM courses or 60 credits.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 306: Issues in Intercultural Communication. 3 credits. 
Applies basic principles of intercultural communication to analyze specific situations involving communication and cultural differences. Notes: Continuation of COMM 305. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 305, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 307: Field Study in Communication. 3 credits. 
Structured communication learning experience: one to three weeks of travel in a foreign environment involving another country or relevant U.S. co-cultures. Students must complete appropriate readings, laboratory assignments, and personal learning paper to process communication concepts and experiences. Notes: May be repeated for credit when field study is substantially different with permission of the undergraduate director. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 308: Writing for Public Relations. 3 credits. 
Focuses on public relations writing including news releases, client memos, broadcasting, speeches, brochures, journals, and advertisements. Includes writing styles, formats, organization, and writing research. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 204^C or 204^XS. 
^C Requires minimum grade of C. 
^XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 310: Performance for Communication Arts. 3 credits. 

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 320: Business and Professional Communication. 3 credits. 
Study of basic theories and skills of communication in professional contexts, including interviewing, relationship maintenance, small group teams, and public presentations. Emphasizes developing practical and critical thinking skills. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 100, 101, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 326: Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy. 3 credits. 
Social and political forces of contemporary era from communication perspective, emphasizing political leadership, pressures for social and political change, and transformations in communicative environment. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.
Mason Core: Synthesis (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 327: Political Communication. 3 credits.
Studies how political communication shapes development of "political reality." Examines interactions between media and politics with respect to the ways communication functions in political settings. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 330: Principles of Public Relations. 3 credits.
Surveys nature, history, scope, and practice of public relations in business, trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and educational and government institutions. Covers principles, practice of public relations, including media relations, issues management, and public service announcements; marketing and research; planning and publicity for special events; house publications; and institutional advertising. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 3 hours of COMM credit and 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 331: Public Relations Campaigns. 3 credits.
Develops the conceptual knowledge and practical skills students need to thrive in challenging public relations situations, such as crisis management, research for clients, communication with clients, and campaigns. Students complete the course with a portfolio of research, writing, and visual materials they have created through client work. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 204^C, 204^XS, 330^C, U204 or L330.
^C Requires minimum grade of C.
^XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 332: Nonverbal Communication. 3 credits.
Theory, principles, and methods to analyze nonverbal communication. Emphasizes physical behavior, facial expression, personal space and territoriality, physical appearance, vocal cues, and environment.

Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 334: Family and Health Communication. 3 credits.
Examines how family communication contributes to physical, psychological, and social wellness. Explores how family communication affects our experience with health transitions (e.g., coping with cancer; becoming a caregiver; losing a loved one), contributes to health outcomes (e.g., stress and anxiety; disordered eating behavior; schizophrenia; drug abuse), and is central to health promotion behavior (e.g., understanding health history and genetics). Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 100, 101, or 301, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 335: Organizational Communication. 3 credits.
Theory, practice, and methods to analyze communication in organizations. Emphasizes process and structure, interaction formats, mechanisms for modification, and career paths in organizational communication. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 100, 101, or 301.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 340: Forensics Seminar III. 0-4 credits.
Intensive work in various types of creative forensics events, including rhetorical criticism and informative, persuasive, extemporaneous, after-dinner, and impromptu speaking. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of 60 hours, or 4 hours of COMM 140. Audition required.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 341: Forensics Seminar IV. 0-4 credits.
Intensive work in various types of recreative forensics events, including dramatic duo, program interpretation, poetry interpretation, dramatic interpretation, and prose interpretation. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.
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**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of 60 hours, or 4 hours of COMM 141. Audition required.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 342:** Debate Seminar III. 0-4 credits.
Work in affirmative research, case construction, and oral presentation directed toward affirmative analysis of intercollegiate debate proposition. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of 60 hours, or 4 hours of COMM 142. Audition required.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 343:** Debate Seminar IV. 0-4 credits.
Work in negative research, case attacks, and oral presentation directed toward negative analysis of intercollegiate debate proposition. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 5 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of 60 hours, or 4 hours of COMM 142. Audition required.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 345:** Newspaper Workshop II. 0-1 credits.
Practical experience in writing and editing for student newspaper or other papers. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 3 credits of COMM 145, 351, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 346:** Yearbook Workshop. 1 credit.
Practical experience in promotion, marketing, and sales of video yearbook, or practical experience working on Senior Expressions, a print supplement to the video yearbook. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 3 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Schedule Type:** Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Lec/Sem #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18, Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 347:** Cable TV Programming and Marketing. 0-1 credits.
Practical experience in television programming, promotion, and marketing of a campus television cable network operation. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 148, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 348:** Radio Workshop II. 0-1 credits.
Intensive practical application of previously acquired on-air show hosting skills at student internet radio station WGMU. Skill development in commercial production and writing included. New technologies such as social media, computer automation systems and advanced production software are integrated throughout the curriculum to prepare students to engage in the most current applications for commercial and internet radio and podcasting. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 148, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 350:** Mass Communication and Public Policy. 3 credits.
Investigates how matters of public importance are communicated via various mass communication channels. Emphasizes regulations to minimize influence of mass media on public decision-making, and media manipulation by pressure groups, politicians, and media gatekeepers. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 202, 255, or 302, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 351:** News Writing and Reporting. 3 credits.
Experience in actual news gathering. Students write and report for print and online outlets. Numerous in-class and out-of-class writing
assignments train students in unique styles of print and online journalism. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Registration Restrictions:**
- **Required Prerequisites:** COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
  - C Requires minimum grade of C.
  - XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 352: News Editing.** 3 credits.
Copy preparation, headline writing, news judging, and layout for various news formats. Introduces working on news copy desks. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Registration Restrictions:**
- **Required Prerequisites:** COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
  - C Requires minimum grade of C.
  - XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 353: Broadcast Journalism.** 3 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**
- **Required Prerequisites:** COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
  - C Requires minimum grade of C.
  - XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 354: Radio Production and Podcasting.** 3 credits.
Students will learn and critically analyze the components of radio and podcast production including: interviewing, story development, script writing, interview techniques, remote and digital audio recording, editing of sound, mixing, and final production for broadcast. The course includes a lecture component and lab time where the instructor will consult with students on their practice and production assignments including short (30 seconds) and longer formats (around 4 minutes). Podcasts will be posted to a website and/or SoundCloud. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 302 or permission of instructor

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 356: Video: Performance and Writing.** 3 credits.
Writing for video, performance skills for on-air work, interviewing. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 45 credits.
COMM 364: Videography. 3 credits.
Provides a comprehensive overview of the principles and practices of visual storytelling, encompassing short documentaries, campaigns, commercial work, news and other non-fiction narratives. Mobile, DSLR and fixed-lens cameras will be used to explore all facets of visual production that tell human stories, with emphasis on character, conflict, drama, and surprise. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 355 C, FAVS 255 C, 255 XS, COMM 208 C, 208 XS, L355, FAVS U255 or COMM U208. C Requires minimum grade of C. XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 367: Children and Media. 3 credits.
Provides an overview of the relationships between children and mass media. Focus of the course is on the effects of media consumption on children’s social and psychological well-being. Students will learn major child development theories, review history, economics and regulation of children’s programming, and explore children’s use of and responses to various media. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

C Requires minimum grade of C. XS Requires minimum grade of XS.
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 369: Multimedia Storytelling. 3 credits.
Applies concepts of advanced visual storytelling within today's fluid media landscape. Students report and tell compelling stories across multiple platforms using simple, portable equipment and software essential to reporters working in the contemporary converged newsroom. Highlights a multimedia approach to journalism to include broadcast, mobile reporting skills and backpack journalism techniques. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 353

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 351 C, 351 XS, L351, 352 C, 352 XS or L352.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 370: Feature Writing. 3 credits.
Introduces aspiring journalists to research techniques and critical writing skills needed to produce publishable magazine or newspaper feature stories. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 371: Sports Writing and Reporting. 3 credits.
Experience in actual sports-related news gathering and reporting. Covers writing and reporting on sports-related subjects for print and online media. Numerous in-class and out-of-class writing assignments train students in the unique style of covering sports events, reporting breaking news, and writing feature stories. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 372: Sports and the Media. 3 credits.
Examines the role of mass media in constructing images of athletes, sport, and sports culture. Critical attention is given to broadcast, print, and film of sport media. Assesses sociological and cultural issues that shape sport media and culture. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 374: Political Journalism. 3 credits.
Writing and reporting about politics, elections and campaigns, and the legislative and executive branches of government for print, broadcast, and online media. Students practice the style and substance of covering political news through in-class and out-of-class writing assignments. A unique collaboration with C-SPAN including video conference opportunities with political and media personalities. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 303 C, L303 or 303 XS.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 375: Digital Advertising and Promotions. 3 credits.
History, regulation, and technological changes in advertising, as well as media buying, developing advertising campaigns, and the strengths and weaknesses of digital and traditional media channels used in advertising. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 302 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 380: Media Criticism. 3 credits.
Examines practical criticism of a wide variety of media texts including television programs, newspapers, articles, films, photographs, and advertisements. Introduces principles of major contemporary modes of analysis for systematically interpreting visual and verbal forms of communication. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of 60 hours or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 384: Public Relations and Social Media.** 3 credits.
Explores the role of social media in contemporary public relations. Students engage in social media research and analysis, examine best practices for successful campaigns, seek to understand conditions for viral media, implement a personal branding strategy, create strategic engagement plans, and design campaigns Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 385: Special Topics in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication.** 3 credits.
Topics vary. Counts toward Organizational and Interpersonal Communication concentration in the Communication Department. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Specialized Designation: Topic Varies**

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 386: Special Topics in Political Communication.** 3 credits.
Topics vary. Counts toward Political Communication concentration in the Communication Department. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Specialized Designation: Topic Varies**

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 387: Special Topics in Journalism.** 3 credits.
Topics vary. Counts toward Journalism concentration in the Communication Department. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Specialized Designation: Topic Varies**

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 388: Special Topics in Public Relations.** 3 credits.
Topics vary. Counts toward Public Relations concentration in the Communication Department. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Specialized Designation: Topic Varies**

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 389: Public Relations for Associations and Nonprofits.** 3 credits.
Principles of editing and journalism applied to publications, public relations, and advertising needs within corporate environment. Job requirements of editorial positions in public relations, publications, and information as defined by trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and large corporations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credits, or 3 credits of lower-division COMM courses.

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 390: Issues in Public Relations.** 3 credits.
Focuses on current issues in corporate, government, and nonprofit public relations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Registration Restrictions:**
**Required Prerequisites:** COMM 204<sup>C</sup>, 204<sup>XS</sup>, 330<sup>C</sup>, U204 or L330.  
<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.  
<sup>XS</sup> Requires minimum grade of XS.

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 392: Public Relations Study Abroad.** 3 credits.
Concentrated survey course in public relations for business, trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and governmental institutions from the perspective of a location abroad. Emphasis placed on the global and intercultural aspects of public relations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type: Lecture**

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)
COMM 395: Special Topics in Health Communication. 3 credits.
Topics vary. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different.
Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies
Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 396: Special Topics in Mass Communication. 3 credits.
Topics vary. Counts toward Media Production and Criticism Concentration in the Communication Department. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies
Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 397: Special Topics in Production. 1-3 credits.
Provides hands-on media production experience. Topics vary. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies
Schedule Type: Studio
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 398: Research Practicum in Communication. 1-3 credits.
Work individually with a faculty member on a faculty research project. Requires readings in research methods and topic area and a final project. Notes: Students must submit an application for COMM 398 at least one week prior to the beginning of the semester. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies
Recommended Prerequisite: 60 credits including at least 9 hours of COMM credit toward the major; minimum GPA of 2.5 overall and 3.0 in the major; approval of department.
Schedule Type: Independent Study
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 399: Special Topics in Communication. 1-3 credits.
Topics vary; some require laboratories. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term.

Specialized Designation: Green Leaf Related Course, Topic Varies
Schedule Type: Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Lecture, Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

400 Level Courses
COMM 400: Research Methods in Communication. 3 credits.
Explores applications for primary research methodologies used in communication. Research project with focus on survey, critical ethnographic, or experimental methodologies. Notes: Students may not receive credit for both COMM 400 and COMM 490. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to COMM 490.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.
Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 300 with a minimum grade of 2.00 (C).
Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 200C, U200 or 200XS, C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 401: Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace. 3 credits.
Comprehensive study of theories and research associated with dynamics of interpersonal relationships in the workplace. Emphasizes individual motivation, interpersonal needs, communication styles, leadership, problem solving, decision making, diversity, interpersonal conflict, individual adaptation to organizational change, and influence of technology on workplace relationships. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to COMM 490.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 301, or permission of instructor.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 411: Public Relations in Practice. 3 credits.
Helps communication majors apply their public relations education. Covers three general areas: public relations theory and applications, writing and editing, and networking/story placement. Includes public
relations strategy and tactics, interviewing and analysis, writing and message delivery. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: COMM 331C, 331L, or 331XS.
C Requires minimum grade of C.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 432: Politics and the Mass Media. 3 credits.
Covers responsibilities; freedoms of mass media in a democracy; and media influence on citizens’ opinions, elections, and decisions of public officials. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to GOVT 412.

Recommended Prerequisite: GOVT 103 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 430: Persuasion. 3 credits.
Theories of persuasive communication including traditional and contemporary attitudinal change; relationship among speaker, message, and audience; and relationship between attitudinal and behavioral change. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 435: Environmental Communication. 3 credits.
Rhetoric and persuasion about environmental issues in contemporary society. Investigation of case studies in corporate, institutional, and movement attempts to mobilize and cope with ecological concerns. Critical assessment of public communication is emphasized. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 434: Digital Communication. 3 credits.
Offers practical application, skill development, and theoretical and critical assessment of mediated communication, including digital networking and social media. Discusses and engages with digital communication in terms of culture and language, functional and dysfunctional communication, social interaction, critical perspectives and ideology, copyright, freedom, ethics and responsibility, and images of the future. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 440: Ceremonial Speech Writing and Performance. 3 credits.
Provides students with the opportunities to develop speaking skills for a variety of contexts from eulogies to commencement speeches. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 75+ hours or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 450: Internship in Communication. 0-6 credits.
On-the-job training in communication through approved field work study programs. Internships arranged and supervised by Department of Communication through internship coordinator. Related class work in resume preparation and job interviewing. Notes: See department for the application process. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/
colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credits, major or minor in communication, journalism, or sport communication; 15 credits in COMM for majors, 12 for credits for non-COMM majors, and permission of department.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior, Senior Plus or Senior.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Communication, Health Communication, Journalism, Political Communication or Sport Communication.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Special scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 451:** Facilitating Communication Education. 3 credits.
Theory and practice in facilitating learning of communication principles and skills. Students work as instructional aides in lower-division classes under direct supervision of faculty member. Activities may include online learning support, social media updates, media production, facilitating small-group activities and individually critiquing oral performances. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 452:** Media Production Practicum. 1-3 credits.
Theory and practice in creation, distribution, and response to media productions. Students complete minimum 150 hours of work as assistants to engineers, producers, directors, and organizers of media production facilities on campus, under supervision of a sponsoring faculty member. Notes: Only 3 credits may be applied to the communication major. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 208, 303, or 348.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 454:** Free Speech and Ethics. 3 credits.
Major issues surrounding roles of speech, press, and electronic media in society. Includes history of free speech and press issues in society, government role in regulating marketplace of ideas, and responsibility of individual in free society. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Synthesis (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credit hours or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 456:** Comparative Mass Media. 3 credits.
Survey of major foreign mass media systems as they compare with American system. Focuses on broad dimensions of international mass media and describes issues facing global journalism and media systems. Provides substantive framework to critically evaluate various national media systems. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Global Understanding (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 465:** Topics in Communication and Gender. 3 credits.
Topics may include gender and culture, women as rhetors, male and female communication, and communication and gender roles. Examines specific interests, ideally in seminar setting. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different with permission of department. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Schedule Type:** Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Lecture, Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 475:** Journalism Law. 3 credits.
Examines law as it relates to working journalist. Topics include libel, invasion of privacy, free press and fair trial, First Amendment, broadcast regulation, access to media, advertising, and effect of new technologies on these issues. Uses case approach to study leading court decisions in mass media law. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credits or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 479:** Digital Media and Web Design Capstone. 3 credits.
Student team-based experience grounded in the work of the preceding courses in the digital media and web design minor. Each individual student will produce a portfolio of digital media and web-design related
products and features that demonstrate core competencies in coding, design, content, and accessibility. Students will work in cross-disciplinary teams to carry out a client-based web design project, the process and outcomes of which will also be represented in the individual portfolio. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to two attempts. Equivalent to AVT 479, ENGH 479, IT 479.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Before enrolling in the Capstone seminar, students need to have completed all required courses for the Digital Media and Web Design Minor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 480: College to Career: Strategies for Transition.** 1 credit. Designed to assist soon-to-be graduates in the employment transition process. Fundamental to the course are effective communication skills, creative research, and the desire to actively and aggressively seek meaningful employment. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60+ credits or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 487: Washington Media Institute.** 3 credits. Special topics offered through the Washington Media Institute. Students must be enrolled in the communication department's professional experience in communication minor. Notes: May not be applied to the communication major or minor. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 15 credits.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 490: Honors Research Methods in Communication.** 3 credits. Honors version of COMM 400. Notes: Students may not receive credit for both COMM 400 and 490. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to COMM 400.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Acceptance to pursue honors in the major; COMM 300.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 491:** RS: Honors Research Project in Communication. 3 credits. Completion of independent honors research project under the guidance of the student's faculty sponsor. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term.

**Specialized Designation:** Research/Scholarship Intensive, Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of COMM 490 with minimum grade of 3.0 and approval of honors project prospectus.

**Schedule Type:** Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Lecture, Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 498:** RS: Research Projects in Communication. 3 credits. Students plan, execute, and present an empirical research project exploring communication issues of their own choosing. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Research/Scholarship Intensive

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 200, COMM 400.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Communication.

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 499:** Independent Study in Communication. 1-3 credits. Study of a selected area in communication. Independent study application must be processed before start of semester in which work is to take place. Notes: May be repeated for credit with permission of director of undergraduate program. Communication courses at the 500 level open to post-baccalaureate students or advanced undergraduates with permission of department. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 75 credits and permission of department.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**500 Level Courses**

**COMM 590:** Seminar in Communication. 3 credits. Intensive study of specific topics; content varies. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication
Schedule Type: Topic Varies

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18, Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 600: Introduction to Graduate Studies. 3 credits.
Offers a broad introduction to the field of communication in terms of communication-based theories and research. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to graduate program in communication or permission of graduate program director.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Communication.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 602: Theories and Research of Mass Communication. 3 credits.
Explores theories that have guided development of mass media. Emphasizes major scientific and humanistic approaches to mass media effects. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 605: Intercultural Communication. 3 credits.
Analysis of communication variables related to communication across cultures. Topics include nonverbal communication, time conceptualizations, perceptions and attitudes, values, social organization patterns, cultural norms, language, ethics, conflict across cultures, and research in intercultural communication. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 615: Political Communication. 3 credits.
Analyzes how political communication messages and strategies shape the development of perceptions and behavior in US presidential elections. Examines the interactions between media content and political action in election campaigns. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 620: Health Communication. 3 credits.
Examines interpersonal communicative processes associated with health in consumer-provider, family, and health communication campaign contexts. Focus on understanding cultural differences in perceptions of communication about health and disease. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 630: Theories of Public Relations.** 3 credits.
Provides a survey of public relations theories and major ethical issues. Examines ways theories relate to organizations, mass and international communication research, rhetoric, persuasion, and social movements. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 632: Persuasion Theory.** 3 credits.
Introduces students to the processes and effects of persuasive communication. Covers key theories of persuasion, behavior change, information processing, message effects, as well as important frameworks that guide the practice of persuasion in applied settings. Particular attention is paid to message features that generate predictable effects and how such effects may vary across different communicative situations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 634: Theories of Interpersonal Communication.** 3 credits.
Analyzes contemporary theories, concepts, and approaches to improving interpersonal communication. Examines interpersonal communication research. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 301 or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 635: Organizational Communication.** 3 credits.
Analyzes communication systems, processes in public and private organizations. Topics include conflict management, group decision making, interviewing, technical presentations, and using various channels for improving internal and external communication. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 636: Communication Consulting.** 3 credits.
Investigates theories providing foundation for communication consulting. Provides theoretical information and mechanisms for application necessary to modify communicative behavior within organizations. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 637: Risk Communication.** 3 credits.
Research on sharing information about physical hazards such as toxic waste, radiation, disease, injury, biohazards. Topics include communication concerning workplace safety, environmental problems, risk assessments, and scientific uncertainties. Offered by Communication...
COMM 639: Science Communication. 3 credits.
Reviews research on best practices in science communication for scientists and communication professionals. Explores theory on conceptualizing science communication as disseminating knowledge, promoting informed decision making, involving citizens in scientific research (i.e., citizen science), promoting legislative and individual actions, or creating entertainment. Students practice communicating complex science and designing contexts for public engagement with scientific research. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 640: Controversies in Science Communication. 3 credits.
Examines the communication implications related to selected current topics of scientific controversy. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 641: Advanced Communication Skills for STEM. 3 credits.
Examines the specific oral, written, and mediated communication competencies needed by STEM professionals in modern society. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 642: Science and the Public. 3 credits.
Examines the relationship between science and society, with a particular emphasis on the role of communication in shaping public opinion on issues related to science and technology. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

COMM 644: Analysis and Criticism of Science Journalism. 3 credits.
Examines media coverage of technically complex topics in science, social science, environment, health and medicine, and technology. Explores the influence of institutional media practices on news about science and technology. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)
COMM 650: Research Methodologies in Communication. 3 credits.
Introduces various research methods used by communication professionals. Focus on achieving understanding and knowledge of social scientific research, qualitative and quantitative, and critical analysis through use and application. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Communication.
Enrollment limited to students in the LA-MA-COM, LA-MAIS-ISIN or LA-PHD-COM programs.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Laboratory, Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 653: Graduate Seminar in Instructional Communication.** 3 credits.
Investigates theoretical and practical implications of instructional communication. Exposes graduate students to communication principles and practices of teaching college courses at upper and lower divisions. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 660: Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns.** 3 credits.
Offers practical application, skill development, and theoretical basis of communication campaigns developed in response to global warming and other threats to sustainability. Focuses on purposive campaigns to promote changes in individual behavior and public policy. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Green Leaf Focused Course

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 670: Social Marketing.** 3 credits.
Offers conceptual overview of social marketing: marketing methods designed to influence people to behave in ways that benefit society. Develops skills necessary to conduct a social marketing initiative and provides an opportunity for practical application of those skills. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Green Leaf Related Course

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 690: Special Topics in Communication.** 3 credits.
Explores contemporary issues in communication theory, research, and practice. Notes: Topics vary. May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 15 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Green Leaf Related Course, Topic Varies

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14, Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18, Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 694: Communication Internship.** 3 credits.
Students work in approved, professional-level communication position, meeting regularly with internship supervisor from department. Requires
paper, journal, minimum 60 hours work for each credit of enrollment. Students usually enroll in internships at end of program of study. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 18 graduate credits and permission of department.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 696:** Directed Readings and Research. 1-3 credits.
Reading and research on specific topic under direction of faculty member. Written report required; oral or written exam may be required. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Permission of department.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**700 Level Courses**

**COMM 700:** Building Social Science Theory. 3 credits.
Explores the process of developing and testing social science theories. Emphasizes the components and mechanisms of theory - such as variables and causality - in a manner intended to inform rigorous social science inquiry using quantitative or qualitative methods. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 701:** Communication Science Research Practicum. 3 credits.
Coordinates students into a research team to propose, test and report the findings of a two or three variable hypothesis. Conduct a research project that will make a publishable contribution to the communication science literature. May not be repeated for credit. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Required Prerequisites: (COMM 650B or 650XS) and (COMM 700B or 700XS).
B- Requires minimum grade of B-.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate or Non-Degree.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 705:** Intercultural Health and Risk Communication. 3 credits.
Examines intercultural health and risk communication interventions; including health communication campaigns, public relations and advertising for health organizations, and how the media and Internet present health information. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 706:** Strategic Communication. 3 credits.
Examines commonalities of strategic communication campaigns across fields (e.g., military, diplomacy, health, politics, marketing, public relations) in order to understand strategic communication, compare fields, and emphasize strategic and evaluative research across fields. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 630 or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 716: Global Public Relations Strategy and Practice.** 3 credits.
Provides a survey of global public relations strategies and practices with an emphasis in emerging issues such as globalization, lobbying, global policies, and a role of PR in the global, cross-cultural marketplace. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 720: Consumer-Provider Health Communication.** 3 credits.
Explores relational health communication research and practice. Examines the role of interpersonal communication in health care delivery, health promotion, disease prevention, risk communication, and promoting personal and psychosocial well-being. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 721: E-Health Communication.** 3 credits.
Explores the use of computer-mediated communication technologies in health care and health promotion, including examination of technology in health information dissemination, health education, health communication interventions, and the management of health care delivery. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 725: Qualitative Methods.** 3 credits.
Examines qualitative research in communication. Emphasis is placed on techniques of naturalistic inquiry such as observation, interviewing, focus group methods, and ethnography, as well as tools for analyzing and reporting qualitative data. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 735: Crisis Communication.** 3 credits.
Examines crisis communication contexts with a particular emphasis on the role of communication in a variety of crises and how the media and Internet present crisis information to the public. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 750: Research Methods II.** 3 credits.
Extends basic research knowledge and skills learned in COMM 650 Research Methods I. Students will be taught to analyze and synthesize literature, develop theoretical linkages, and construct measurement scales. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 650.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 775: Media Content Analysis.** 3 credits.
Introduces content analysis, a research technique for making replicable and valid inferences about text in sources such as news articles, advertisements, and television programs. Students design and conduct research using content analysis techniques. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students. Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 798: Communication Studies Project.** 3 credits.
Final research seminar for all MA in communication students. Students discuss practical and theoretical issues related to project or thesis. Includes readings related to underlying theoretical, methodological, and ethical issues facing contemporary communication researchers and practitioners. MA students must take 798 in the semester of graduation or w/ permission of the MA Director. No more than 3 credits can be applied to the degree. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** COMM 600 and COMM 650.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Thesis

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 799: Master's Thesis.** 1-6 credits.
Original research endeavor related to student’s concentration in communication under supervision of faculty committee. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 24 graduate credits and approval of thesis proposal by faculty committee.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Thesis

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**800 Level Courses**

**COMM 820: Health Communication Campaigns.** 3 credits.
Explores use of communication campaigns to promote health and reduce health risks; examines how health communication campaigns are designed, implemented, and evaluated; and describes the role of communication research throughout the campaign process. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 890: Special Topics in Communication.** 3 credits.
Selected topics reflecting specialized areas in communication. Notes: Topics vary. May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** PhD rank or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 896: Independent Study.** 1-3 credits.
Independent reading on a topic agreed on by student and faculty member. Notes: Content varies. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** PhD rank or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 899: Comprehensive Exams.** 1-3 credits.
This course is for COMM PhD students who are in the comprehensive exams phase and within two courses of completing their total coursework. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**COMM 890:**
900 Level Courses

Development of a research proposal that constitutes the basis for a doctoral dissertation. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Approval of program director.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Research on an approved dissertation topic under the direction of dissertation committee. Notes: A minimum of 18 credits of COMM 998 and 999 combined must be applied to doctoral degree requirements. Offered by Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: COMM 998.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)