Twin Cities Campus

Communication Studies Minor

Communication Studies

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
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Website: http://www.comm.umn.edu

- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 6
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Communication studies focuses on the study of communicative dimensions of human experience using humanistic and social scientific methods. This program prepares students to become researchers and teachers, offering three concentrations: interpersonal communication, rhetorical studies, and critical media studies. Coursework in rhetoric and public discourse studies emphasizes humanistic methods and includes argumentation and persuasion, ethics, rhetorical theory and criticism, and political rhetoric. Students may also pursue special interests in rhetorical philosophies, movements and campaigns, or popular culture and critical theory. The program should be supplemented by coursework outside the department. An understanding of history, political science, sociology, or cultural studies is recommended. Coursework in interpersonal communication has a social scientific orientation. Most students focus on a subarea such as small group, intercultural, interpersonal communication, or problems (e.g., decision making, conflict resolution). Coursework outside the department is usually concentrated in one or more of the behavioral sciences. Students are expected to develop a command of research techniques and a thorough knowledge of statistics. Coursework in critical media studies emphasizes qualitative, historical, critical, and empirical methods and includes television studies, feminist media studies, ethnic and racial minorities in media, critical media literacy, political economy of media, popular culture, environmental communication, and music. Coursework outside the department is usually in the fields of American studies, political science, cultural studies, mass communication, or women's studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters

Required Courses

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- COMM 5xxx
- COMM 8xxx

Doctoral

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Required Courses

Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- COMM 5xxx
- COMM 8xxx

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