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Department of Communication

The Communication Minor

A minor in Communication at Fairfield University gives students a broad overview of the communication discipline including theory and research, communication skills in organizational and interpersonal settings, and analysis of media and culture. Students will improve their abilities in oral and written communication, heighten visual awareness, develop sound research skills, and learn to make connections between communication practices and the social world.

{Communication Core}

12 credits required for all minors

- CO 100:** Human Communication Theories
- CO 101:** Argument and Advocacy
- CO 200:** Interpersonal Communication Theories (CO 100)
- CO 230:** Mass Media and Society

{Electives}

Select one to complete the major, some exciting choices include:

- CO 201 Persuasion (prerequisites: CO 100, CO 101)
- CO 202 Small Group Communication (CO 100, CO 200)
- CO 220 Introduction to Organizational Communication (CO 100, CO 200)
- CO 236 Gender, Sexuality & Media (CO 230 or TL 100)
- CO 238 Communication & Popular Culture (CO 230)
- CO 239 Consumer Culture (CO 230 or TL 100)
- CO 248 Health Communication (CO 200 or CO 230)
- CO 240 Intercultural Communication (U.S. Diversity)
- CO 341 International (comparative) Communication (CO 230 or TL 100)
- CO 342 Technoculture & Information Society (CO 230 or TL 100 and jr. or sr.)

Note: If starting the Minor during the junior year, the Communication faculty recommends that students take CO 100 and CO 101 during the same semester. These two courses should be seen as the prerequisites to all 200-level and 300-level communication courses, whether or not specific requirements are listed with each course. Students are reminded that it is *not necessary* to complete an academic minor to graduate from Fairfield University. Some courses in the Department of Communication will “double count” toward other minors, another major, and/or the University Social Science Core. For complete details, please consult the University Catalog.

Please see any Communication Faculty advisor for more information and to work out your own academic plan to see how a minor in Communication can benefit your own academic and professional goals, and how a minor in Communication can complement your chosen major.