



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.

{Overview}

To earn a 15-credit minor in communication, students follow a program of study designed to develop breadth and depth of knowledge about communication processes in a variety of contexts. The communication minor consists of five three-credit courses. All communication minors must complete a set of four (three-credit) required courses known as **Communication Foundations**. Minors then select one elective course from a wide variety of Communication electives.

Minor Requirements

All students must take the following four courses plus one elective that we consider foundational to the understanding of the field of Communication. Students are reminded to consult available resources including the Departmental website, the University Catalog and other advising resources for information about current offerings, prerequisites and other information.

CO 100: Human Communication Theories

CO 101: Argument and Advocacy

CO 130: Mass Media and Society

CO 200: Interpersonal Communication Theories (prerequisite: CO 100)

Plus One Additional Communication Course (excluding Independent Study or Internships)

Some Important Reminders about the Minor

- 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.
- Communication majors receive priority registration, so minors may not be able to register for all courses

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.