**Academics**

Your major in communication studies will focus on developing intellectual capacities to advocate, negotiate and relate, putting you on a pathway to successfully navigate professional, personal and public life.

In addition to the core requirements, which focus on communication, collaboration and community, you can enroll in courses like Intercultural Communication, Nonverbal Communication, The Dark side of Interpersonal Communication, Health Communication, Theories of Persuasion, Political Communication, Media and Culture, Global Organizational Communication and many more.

**Experience**

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we know experience is valuable and goes beyond the classroom. We strive to help you connect your academics with research, internships, education abroad, service learning and leadership experiences. Take advantage of opportunities in communication studies such as:

- Studying abroad in the inspiring Veneto region of Italy
- Participating on the six-time Big Ten champion Speech and Debate team
- Interning with Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo
- Researching communication techniques used in coping
- Volunteering with the Center for Civic Engagement

**Opportunities**

Did you know communication is the #1 skill sought by employers? As communication studies majors you will prepare yourself with the knowledge and skills necessary for entering a wide variety of career fields, such as law, politics, government, public administration, public relations, personnel management, industrial/labor relations, sales, marketing, sales management, education, health/social services, business/industry, media, performing arts, ministry, counseling, public information management and teaching as well as graduate studies in communication studies and related disciplines. Here are examples of recent graduates’ employment:

- Account Manager/Marketing Consultant / **THREE EAGLES COMMUNICATIONS**
- Behavioral Health Specialist / **CHILDREN’S RESPITE CARE CENTER**
- Communications Outreach Specialist / **NET TV**
- Director of CEO Communications / **BACK TO THE BIBLE**
- Human Resources Generalist / **CITY OF LINCOLN**
- Investment Specialist / **MERRILL EDGE**
- Program Director / **FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- Sales Operations Coordinator / **HEALTHCARE**
- Truman Fellow/Policy Analyst / **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
- Web Design and Marketing / **SIMPLIFIED OFFICE SOLUTIONS**
# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## FIRST SEMESTER
- COMM 101: Communication in the 21st Century (ACE 2)  
- ACE 1: Written Texts/Research & Knowledge Skills  
- ACE 5: Humanities  
- Language Prerequisite - 101 Level (Elective)  

**Total Hours 14**

## SECOND SEMESTER
- Communications Studies Course (CDR D)  
- College Distribution Requirement (CDR A: Written Communication)  
- ACE 6: Social Sciences  
- Language Prerequisite - 102 Level (Elective)  

**Total Hours 14**

## THIRD SEMESTER
- COMM 201 or COMM 202: Research Methods  
- Communication Studies Foundational 200 Level Course  
- CDR B, BL: Natural, Physical & Mathematical Sciences w/Lab  
- CDR C: Humanities  
- Language Requirement - 201 Level (CDR E)  

**Total Hours 16**

## FOURTH SEMESTER
- Communication Studies Foundational 200 Level Course  
- Communication Studies 300 or 400 Level Course  
- ACE 3: Mathematical/Computational/Statistical/Formal Reasoning  
- Language Requirement - 202 Level (CDR E)  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  

**Total Hours 16**

## FIFTH SEMESTER
- Communication Studies 300 or 400 Level Course  
- Communication Studies 300 or 400 Level Course  
- ACE 4: Scientific Methods & Knowledge of Natural/Physical World  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  

**Total Hours 15**

## SIXTH SEMESTER
- Communication Studies 300 or 400 Level Course  
- Communication Studies 400 Level Course  
- ACE 8: Ethics/Civics/Stewardship  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  

**Total Hours 15**

## SEVENTH SEMESTER
- Communication Studies 400 Level Course  
- ACE 9: Global Awareness & Human Diversity  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  

**Total Hours 15**

## EIGHTH SEMESTER
- COMM 495: Communication, Collaboration & Community: Capstone (ACE 10)  
- CDR F: Additional Breadth  
- ACE 7: Fine Arts  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional  

**Total Hours 15**

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