COMMUNICATION STUDIES - MINOR

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Description
The Communication Studies minor allows students to improve their speaking abilities, as well as their listening, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Effective communication skills are consistently rated as one of the top three proficiencies employers desire in new hires. Whether students' major is in architecture or zoology, communication skills are necessary for effective interaction.

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare the Communication Studies minor, students must have a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State University GPA. No Kent State University GPA is required if the student is a first-semester freshman or transfer student admitted in good standing.

Program Learning Outcomes
Students completing this minor will be able to:
1. Display competence in verbal, nonverbal, and written communication.
2. Advocate courses of action to stimulate improved decision-making.
3. Influence others through demonstrated presentational speaking skills.
4. Communicate ethically.
5. Foster inclusive dialogues and tailor messages that respect diversity, empower others, and bring about social change.
6. Articulate creative, effective, and evidenced-based solutions to communication problems.
7. Coordinate action, solve problems, foster well-being, engage in critical thinking, and participate in civic life.
8. Communicate effectively in a technological, multicultural, and global society to bring about meaningful social change.
9. Apply information and media literacy in an effective and ethical manner.

The program learning outcomes reflect the University’s commitment to excellence in teaching, research, creativity, and community outreach and engagement.

Program Requirements

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<td>INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION (KADL)</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN (DIVD)</td>
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Communication Studies (COMM) Upper-Division Electives (30000-40000 level) 12

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

Graduation Requirements

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• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
• Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).