Communication (COM)

COM 105 Forensic Activities FORMERLY (SPE)
3 Hours
Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Students may acquire no more than 4 hours credit and not more than 2 hours per year. Hours are to be secured for participating in forensic activities. Designed to provide students with contest speaking experience and to develop skills in concentrated areas of speech.

COM 115 Speech FORMERLY (SPE)
IAI – C2 900
3 Hours
Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

COM 115 combines communication theory with the practice of oral communication skills. This course: (1) develops awareness of the communication process; (2) provides invention, organizational, and expressive strategies; (3) promotes understanding of an adaptation to a variety of communication contexts; and (4) emphasizes critical skills in listening, reading, thinking, and speaking. Students are expected to prepare and give at least three substantial speeches, including both informative and persuasive speech assignments. All classes require face-to-face performance of the three substantial speeches with the class and the instructor serving as an in-class audience.

COM 116 Interpersonal Communication FORMERLY (SPE)
3 Hours
Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Study of communication theory and its application to interpersonal relations. Relationship skills will be explored, analyzed, and practiced. Among the topics covered are the communication process, the self as communicator, listening, verbal and nonverbal communication, cooperation and conflict management. Students will also develop their individual interpersonal communication skills by increasing their knowledge of behavioral choices in both personal and professional relationships.

COM 121 Advanced Public Speaking FORMERLY (SPE)
3 Hours
Prerequisites: SPE 115 or consent of instructor
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Advanced principles of speech preparation and presentation; special problems and types of speeches; considerable practice in composition and delivery of speeches.

COM 200 Small Group Communication FORMERLY (SPE)
3 Hours
Prerequisites: SPE 115 or SPE 116
3 hours weekly (3-0)

This course explores the communication processes that occur in small groups. Students will study and apply communication theory in order to enhance their effectiveness as small group communicators. Focus is given to group
formation, group membership, and decision-making and problem-solving procedures.

**COM 201 Writing for Mass Media** FORMERLY (JRN)

IAI – MC 919

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

Introduction to news writing includes basic techniques of news gathering, reporting, interviewing, computer-assisted reporting, editing, and layout. Some course-work may be published in the student newspaper, The Volunteer.

**COM 202 Writing for Mass Media II** FORMERLY (JRN)

3 Hours

Prerequisites: JRN 201

3 hours weekly (3-0)

A continuation of news gathering and writing skills. Coursework will be published in The Volunteer student newspaper. Assignments include investigative re-porting, computer-assisted reporting, and a site visit to a local media outlet.

**COM 210 Newspaper Production Practicum** FORMERLY (JRN)

1-4 Hours

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

2-8 hours weekly

Students earn credit by joining The Volunteer newspaper staff, increasing their proficiency in one or more of the tasks required to produce consistently a high-quality student newspaper. Volunteer staff members gain an understanding of the collaborative nature of newspaper work through active participation in one or more of the following areas: newswriting, editing, news photography, design, layout, and/or advertising. Students use the resources available in and outside the newsroom to increase their skills.

**COM 215 Introduction to Mass Media** FORMERLY (JRN)

IAI – MC 911

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

This is an introduction to the various types of mass media, their effect on the public, their development, and ways in which the consumer can be perceptive and discriminating.