

# COMMUNICATION

College of Liberal Arts  
Department of Communication  
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## BA Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

The communication program teaches students to communicate effectively and ethically in a rapidly changing world characterized by diversity in gender, culture and belief. It offers a comprehensive background in the discipline in preparation for employment or further education. Students majoring in other disciplines find communication electives valuable additions to their programs.

The program is both theoretical and pragmatic, designed to prepare students for the professional workplace or for advanced study.

### Major — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 131).
2. Complete the BA degree requirements (page 135).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:<sup>\*</sup>
  - a. Complete the following:

COMM F180—Introduction to Human Communication .....	3
COMM F330—Intercultural Communication .....	3
COMM F351—Gender and Communication.....	3
COMM F401—Communication Research Methods.....	3
COMM F425W—Communication Theory .....	3
COMM F482W,O—Capstone Seminar in Communication.....	3

- b. Complete four of the following:<sup>\*\*</sup>

COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics <sup>***</sup> .....	3
COMM F320—Communication and Language .....	3
COMM F321W—Nonverbal Communication .....	3
COMM F322W—Communication in Interpersonal Relationships.....	3
COMM F331O—Advanced Group Communication .....	3
COMM F335O—Organizational Communication .....	3
COMM F352—Family Communication.....	3
COMM F353—Conflict, Mediation, and Communication .....	3
COMM F380—Communication and Diversity.....	3
COMM F432O—Professional Public Speaking.....	3
COMM F441—Persuasion .....	3
COMM F462W—Communication in Health Contexts.....	3
COMM F475W—Applied Communication in Training and Development .....	3

4. Minimum credits required .....120
  - <sup>\*</sup> Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.
  - <sup>\*\*</sup> With approval of advisor, an appropriate level special topics or independent studies course in communication may be used to meet this requirement.
  - <sup>\*\*\*</sup> If taken to meet the upper-division of baccalaureate core requirement for Ethics/Values and Choices in the Perspectives in the Human Condition, then the student must take an additional F300- or F400-level communication course to complete the major.

### Minor

1. Complete the following:

COMM F180—Introduction to Human Communication .....	3
COMM F330—Intercultural Communication (3) or COMM F351—Gender and Communication.....	3
  2. Complete communication electives at the F300-level or above.....9
  3. Minimum credits required .....15
- Note: Courses designated as social science or humanities that are taken for the minor may also be used to fulfill social science and/or humanities distribution requirements for the BA degree.*

## Baccalaureate Core Requirements

### Communication . . . . . 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)  
*ENGL F190H may be substituted.*

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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### Perspectives on the Human Condition . . . . . 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaskan Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

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### Mathematics . . . . . 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
- MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus\*.....(4)
- MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics\*\*.....(3)
- STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)

\* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following:\*

- MATH F200X—Calculus I\*\*.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

\* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

\*\* No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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### Natural Sciences . . . . . 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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### Library and Information Research . . . . . 0 – 1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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### Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38 – 39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.