

WILLIAM & GRACE DIAL CENTER FOR SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

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Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Center Information

The William and Grace Dial Center for Speech and Communication Studies assists in preparing University of Florida students to speak and write effectively using the major conventions governing the presentation of knowledge in their chosen disciplines. Additionally, the students gain an understanding of the importance of communicating information from within their discipline to general audiences.

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Curriculum

- Communication Studies Minor

Courses

COM 1000 Introduction to Communication Studies 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Introduces various theoretical perspectives for understanding human communication. This course affords students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues.

Attributes: General Education - Social Science

COM 2382 Siri is My Superpower: Communicating with AI 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores AI by describing how we communicate with others in the world and the tools we use to do so. Examines how we communicate with AI by introducing what a communicator, a mediator, and intelligence are.

Attributes: Quest 2

COM 3120 Organizational Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores the processes, practices, and difficulties of communication among large groups engaged principally in the work environment. Examines organizational structures, patterns of communication, task and social roles, extrinsic influences, and methods of producing intrinsic motivation and innovation.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300 or SPC 2608.

COM 3225 Global and Cultural Issues in Health Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores the complex associations among communication and the many contexts, issues, and relationships surrounding health and well-being in the world. Investigates cultural, historical, social, and ethical meanings of health and illness. Considers issues in global health, culture, and communication in health care initiatives.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

COM 3252 Biology of Human Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Focuses on the interaction between the body and communication behavior. Examines how physiology affects communication, and how communication affects physiology.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300.

COM 3462 Interpersonal Conflict Management 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Introduces fundamental communication skills, principles, theories and research relevant to effective conflict management in a variety of interpersonal contexts and relationships.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300 or instructor permission.

COM 3465 Conflict Management and Negotiation in the Professions 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Introduces fundamental concepts and skills relevant to effective communication in business and professional conflicts. Topics include conflict management, ADR, and interpersonal, organizational, community and international negotiation. Emphasizes helping students to understand and improve the conflict management and negotiation skills required in their professional careers.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2608 or instructor permission.

COM 3491 Resilience & Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Focuses on the role of communication in human resilience, with emphasis given to social, interpersonal, and intrapersonal processes and outcomes relevant to the construction of resilience and resilience narratives.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300

COM 3943 Internship in Comm Studies 0-3 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

A variable web-based course designed to complement a student's internship experience through guided reflection, critical analysis, synthesis, and discussion.

Prerequisite: One COM or SPC course with a minimum grade of C and Communication Studies minor.

COM 4013 Family Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Provides students with an understanding of how communication functions to develop, maintain, enrich, or limit family relationships.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300 or instructor permission.

COM 4022 Health Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Surveys theory, research, and practice of communication in the contexts of healthcare and health promotion.

Prerequisite: COM1000 or SPC 2300 or SPC 2608.

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

COM 4704 Language & Social Interaction 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores the role of language in social interaction, covering theories and methods investigating language in social interaction, ways language is used to construct social identity, and issues concerning language and culture. Classroom activities and homework involve how (non)verbal conduct is enacted and understood in social situations.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or higher & (COM1000 or SPC2300 or LIN 2011 or LIN 3010).

COM 4706 Language and Power 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores the role of language in articulating, maintaining, and subverting power relations in society. Drawing from Communication Studies and Applied Linguistics, the course provides the tools to uncover, describe, and critically analyze the various strategic biases in language that create and reinforce power asymmetries in society.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or SPC 2300 for Communication Studies minor; LIN 2011 or LIN 3010 for LIN major; with instructor permission.

COM 4911 Undergraduate Research in Communication Studies 0-3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Provides firsthand, supervised research in Communication Studies. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Communication Studies.

COM 4930 Special Topics in Communication 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Seminar study of theory and research in a specific area of communication.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or equivalent.

LIS 2001 Introduction to Library and Internet Research 1 Credit

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Learn how to conduct solid and reliable library research. Critical thinking skills are used to find, evaluate and use relevant scholarly resources in a variety of disciplines. This dynamic, hands-on course emphasizes creative thinking and media production tools while exploring the social responsibilities of using digital age information.

SPC 2300 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The study of how two people interact with one another and how factors such as listening skills, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives influence that communication.

SPC 2351 Listening 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theory and practice in responsible, participatory listening. Also includes principles of listening for literal comprehension and critical evaluation of ideas in response to various spoken and nonverbal messages.

SPC 2594 Intercollegiate Forensics 1 Credit**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Participation in intercollegiate debate and individual speaking.

Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of one semester of intercollegiate forensics participation at UF.

SPC 2608 Introduction to Public Speaking 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theory and practice presenting public speeches, determining communication purpose(s) and adapting to organization, evidence, language and other message characteristics for designated audiences.

SPC 2730 Introduction to Intercultural Communication 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores practices and difficulties of communication between and among people of contrasting cultures. Includes investigation of theory and research by which intercultural communication problems can be mitigated.

Prerequisite: COM 1000 or equivalent.

Attributes: General Education - International

SPC 3331 Nonverbal Communication 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Surveys theory and research in nonverbal communication including eye behavior, facial expressions, gestures and vocal cues.

Prerequisite: COM 1000.

SPC 3513 Argumentation 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Implementation of principles and methods advocating factual claims and policy proposals. Also discusses propositional analysis, evidence as demonstration, effecting reasoning processes to become experimental for listeners and ethics in controversy.

Prerequisite: SPC 2608 or instructor permission.

SPC 3602 Advanced Public Speaking 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Studies principles and methods of selected forms of public speaking for various purposes, audiences and contexts.

Prerequisite: SPC 2608 or equivalent.

SPC 4301 Advanced Interpersonal Communication 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Analysis of interpersonal communication in various professional and social settings shown through case studies, role plays and discussion that all illustrate how emotions and social expectations shape communication.

Prerequisite: SPC 2300 or instructor permission.

SPC 4425 Small Group Communication 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Communication in small groups with emphasis in practical applications, skill development and current research and theory.

Prerequisite: COM 1000.

SPC 4905 Directed Individual Study in Communication Studies 1-3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Directed individual study in communication studies designed for the advanced student who wants to pursue an in-depth area of study not provided in regularly offered courses. Directed individual study could involve independent readings or individual projects under faculty guidance.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.

SPC 4911 Undergraduate Research in Speech Communication 0-3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides firsthand, supervised research in speech communication. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application in speech communication.