

Elective Course Options for Communication Studies Majors – Spring 2023

Important Notes:

1. If a course is required for your major, it cannot also count as an elective in your Communication Studies plan of study. You can find a checklist for your specific major sequence from the University Catalog (<https://illinoisstate.edu/catalog/>)
2. **Double check all prerequisites on Course Finder** (<https://coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/>) to make sure you are eligible to enroll in a particular course.
3. Courses not included on this list are major-blocked for students in other Communication majors (i.e., Mass Media, Journalism or Public Relations).
4. Overrides into full courses are not considered. If a course is full, you should select another option. If you are in immediate need of a specific course for graduation, please contact your academic advisor.

Elective Course Options:

- COM 201: Communication and Social Issues
- COM 202: Persuasive Communication
- COM 218: Communication Technologies and Impacts
- COM 225: Nonverbal Communication
- COM 226: Classical Rhetoric
- COM 228: Introduction to Interview
- COM 240: Visual Communication
- COM 241: Basic Photography
- COM 259: Strategic Communication in Sports (*not eligible if previously taken COM 275*)
- COM 287: Independent Study (*contact advisor for more details*)
- COM 291: Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship (*contact advisor for more details*)
- COM 302: Communication Criticism
- COM 303: Controversy and Contemporary Society
- COM 304: Freedom of Speech & Press
- COM 320: Mass Media: Cultural Criticism and Problems
- COM 324: Theory and Research in Persuasion
- COM 334: Film Festival Management & Curation
- COM 341: Media, Sport & Society
- COM 350: Documentary Film History & Theory
- COM 356: Executive Speechwriting
- COM 360: Mass Media: Theory and Effects
- COM 367: Ethical Problems in Mass Media
- COM 371: International Political Communication
- COM 374: News Literacy
- COM 376: Media Relations in Public Relations
- COM 383: Communication for Teachers & Trainers
- COM 385: Editorial & Feature Writing
- COM 390, Section 001: Topics in Contemporary Communication (Race & Visual Rhetoric)
- COM 398A03: Internships for Communication Studies Majors (*requires consent of the instructor*)