

Elective Course Options for Communication Studies Majors – Fall 2025

Important Notes:

1. If a course is **required** for your Communication Studies major or sequence [Organizational and Leadership; Public Culture and Advocacy Communication (formerly Political Communication); Interpersonal Communication], it **cannot** also count as an elective in your Communication Studies plan of study. Requirements for your specific major sequence are available in the [University Catalog](#).
2. **Double check all prerequisites on [Course Finder](#)** 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 as of this time. If you are interested in these courses, you are welcome to submit an override request. Requests will be reviewed around finals week, so it is recommended that you enroll in an alternate course.
4. Override requests into full courses are not considered. If you are in immediate need of a specific course for graduation, please contact your academic advisor.

Elective Course Options:

- COM 202: Persuasive Communication
- COM 225: Nonverbal Communication
- COM 227: Communication in Organizations and Professional Settings
- COM 238: Introduction to Advertising
- COM 240: Visual Communication
- COM 259: Strategic Communication in Sports
- COM 274: Environmental Communication
- COM 287: Independent Study
- COM 291: Undergraduate Teaching Experience in Communication
- COM 304: Freedom of Speech and Press
- COM 320: Mass Media: Cultural Criticism and Problems
- COM 323: Theory and Research in Small Group Communication
- COM 324: Theory and Research in Persuasion
- COM 325: Theory and Research in Interpersonal Communication
- COM 326: Race and Visual Rhetoric
- COM 329: Organizational Communication
- COM 341: Media, Society and Sport
- COM 351: Advanced Writing for Mass Media
- COM 366: Web Production & Design
- COM 367: Ethical Problems in Mass Media
- COM 370: Psychology of Language
- COM 374: News Literacy
- COM 375: Communication and Leadership
- COM 398A03: Internships for Communication Studies majors (*contact Tom Lamonica, talamon@ilstu.edu, for more details*)