Communication Minor

The College of Liberal Arts offers the opportunity to minor in numerous academic programs. Students may choose minors among areas in art, communication studies, earth science, English, foreign languages, history, philosophy, psychology, social sciences and theatre. A total of 21 credits must be completed in a minor. Communication studies minors are available in public communication, public relations and television production.

Cal U Advantages

Juniors and seniors make the most of their studies by taking internships in any of the following areas, depending on personal preference and qualifications: radio/television, public relations, advertising, government, schools, hospitals and labor organizations. Students also may receive practical experience working at the University radio station, television studio and local cable access channel.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

SPEECH COMMUNICATION — 120 CREDITS

The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester.

Program Objectives

Students completing the program in speech communication should be able to:

- Research, organize and present messages in a variety of contexts.
- Critically evaluate messages, i.e., explain how and why messages are effective or ineffective.
- Understand historical development and contemporary issues in rhetorical and communication theory.
- Understand qualitative and quantitative methods of research.
- Understand the ethical dimensions of human communication.
### Freshman Year

**First Semester** ..................................................16 credits
- UNI 100 First-Year Seminar ........................................1 cr.
- ENG 101 English Composition I ....................................3 crs.
- COM 100 Perspectives on Communication ....................3 crs.
- COM 101 Oral Communication ....................................3 crs.
- General Education Courses .......................................6 crs.

**Second Semester** ..............................................15 credits
- ENG 102 English Composition II .................................3 crs.
- COM 106 Introduction to Mass Communication ............3 crs.
- General Education Courses .......................................9 crs.

### Sophomore Year

**Third Semester** ..................................................15 credits
- Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ........................15 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ..................................................15 credits
- Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ........................15 crs.

### Junior Year

**Fifth Semester** ..................................................15 credits
- COM 381 Communication Research and/or COM 490 Communication Theory and/or COM 499 Career Design Strategies and/or Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ...........................................15 crs.

**Sixth Semester** ..................................................15 credits
- COM 381 Communication Research and/or COM 490 Communication Theory and/or COM 499 Career Design Strategies and/or Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ...........................................15 crs.

### Senior Year

**Seventh Semester** ..............................................15 credits
- COM 381 Communication Research Techniques or COM 490 Communication Theory and/or COM 499 Career Design Strategies and/or Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ...........................................15 crs.

**Eighth Semester** ..............................................15 credits
- COM 381 Communication Research Techniques or COM 490 Communication Theory and/or COM 499 Career Design Strategies and/or Specialized Communication Elective(s) and/or General Education and/or Minor or Elective Course ...........................................15 crs.

### Program Contact Information

Contact the Department of Communication Studies by phone at 724-938-4170.

### Department Website

[www.calu.edu/academics/programs/communication-studies](http://www.calu.edu/academics/programs/communication-studies)

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- Cal U’s main campus houses academic buildings, dining and recreation facilities, and six suite-style residence halls.
- Cal U’s upper campus includes the Vulcan Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
- Cal U Global Online is the University’s virtual campus, offering degree and certificate programs 100% online.

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