

COMMUNICATION (COMMUN)

Communications Courses

COMMUN 101 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Basic concepts for understanding communication in interpersonal relationships. Combines a theoretical approach with a skills approach to the study of interpersonal communication.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Social and Behavioral Science

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 103 Public Speaking

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Principles of public address in informative, persuasive and special occasion situations with emphasis on the theory, composition, and presentation of speeches.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Communication and Literacy

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 105 Business and Professional Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Analysis and application of communication principles and practices (interpersonal communication, teamwork issues, public speaking, technological communication) fundamental to successful participation in organizational and professional activities.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Communication and Literacy

Last Taught: UWinterIM 2026, Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 192 First-Year Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Last Taught: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 199 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Independent study under the supervision of an appropriate faculty or staff member. For further information, consult dept chair.

Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA; consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2010, Fall 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 212 Finding and Communicating Your Purpose

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Students will apply communication strategies, develop a purpose, evaluate choices, and explain the role of their college education in their larger purpose.

Prerequisites: none.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 264 Persuasive Speaking

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed specifically to increase students' understanding of and proficiency in various techniques and modes of persuasive speaking.

Prerequisites: Commun 103(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Fall 1993.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 285 Communicating with Older Adults

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of communication research and theory to the understanding of communication with, about, and among older adults.

Prerequisites: none

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 288 Research Practicum

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Research experience under the supervision of a member of the Communication faculty.

Prerequisites: COMMUN 200(P); 3.00 overall GPA; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and written consent of instructor.

Course Rules: Offered as credit/no credit only. May be retaken to 6 cr max, with 3 cr max from any one faculty member.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 296 UROP Apprenticeship

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Undergraduate research participation in a project developed with a supervising member of the faculty or staff.

Prerequisites: acceptance to UROP; prior or conc reg in UROP seminar.

Course Rules: One credit for 45 hrs research. May be retaken to 9 cr max in any combination of UROP apprenticeship courses. Not open to jrs & srs.

Last Taught: Spring 2013, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, UWinterIM 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 298 Internship in Communication

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Field experience in profit/nonprofit organization; course examines professional communication issues.

Prerequisites: 2.0 gpa overall; writ cons internship dir.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max. Offered as cr/no cr only.

Last Taught: Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Summer 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 299 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period.

Requires only dept & assoc dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one add'l sem.

Prerequisites: none; add'l prereqs may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 300 Interviewers and Interviewing

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Focuses on information-getting interviews. Discussion, practice, and analysis of interviewer effects, setting, question form, sequence, and wording.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 301 Interpersonal Communication Processes

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Focused analysis of the processes involved in face to face communication, includes the examination of the communication variables which define, sustain, or change interpersonal relationships.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; COMMUN 101(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 303 Advanced Public Speaking

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advances theoretical understanding and practical skills in the areas of speech crafting, argumentation, information gathering, organization, analysis, and delivery.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing and COMMUN 103(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 310 Communication in Organizations

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Factors affecting structure and function of communication in organizations. Emphasis on concepts and principles enhancing effective management of communication processes.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 311 Communication and Leadership

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Examination of communication related to leadership theory, practice, processes, and outcomes.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 312 Your Career and Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Exploration of different careers; working to translate knowledge in communication to the workplace and life after college.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing or greater and COMMUN 105(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 313 Human Communication and Technology

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Examination of the actual and potential role of technology in facilitating satisfying communication relationships.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 320 Nonverbal Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Reviews theory and research in nonverbal aspects of human communication. Consideration of specific research in such areas as proxemics, kinesics, paralanguage, interpretation of nonverbal messages.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 323 Communication in Groups and Teams

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Analysis of communication processes in groups and teams; includes examination of theories and research findings; addresses group and team participation and decision-making skills.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; COMMUN 105(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 327 Instructional Communication for Human Resource Trainers

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theory and practice of instructional communication methods used to train employees of profit and nonprofit organizations.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 103(P) or 105(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 335 Critical Analysis of Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Nature, development, and applications of criticism, with major emphasis on contemporary communication situations.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 350 Intercultural Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Overview of U.S. intercultural communication, including communication issues for interracial and interethnic communication.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 360 Entertainment and Politics

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Social, cultural, political, technical and economic forces that shape the messages communicated by the entertainment media; impacts that these messages have on individuals and society.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of JAMS 380 with similar topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 362 Argumentation and Debate

3 cr. Undergraduate.

The theory and practice of argumentation with emphasis on critical thinking, argument analysis, and preparation of policy and evaluative arguments.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 363 Communication in Human Conflict

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Investigation of the relationship between communication and the processes of human conflicts. Focus upon the nature and origin of human conflict and communicative strategies which may be used to manage conflict situations.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 101(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 365 Negotiation Skills Workshop

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Simulation-based, interactive workshop on improving student's understanding of the negotiation process; building communicative effectiveness as a negotiator in various business and personal contexts.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 370 Quantitative Research in Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Concepts, strategies and methods in the quantitative assessment of problems in the study of human communication as a behavioral science.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of GER Quantitative Literacy Part A (QL-A) requirement, or Math Placement Level 30, or a grade of C or higher in any 100-level Math course (excluding MATH 194 or MATH 199) or MATH 111/PHILOS 111.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 372 Qualitative Research in Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Concepts, strategies, and methods in the qualitative, social-scientific study of human communication. Emphasis on interviews, focus groups, and participant observation.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Summer 2019, Summer 2017, Summer 2015.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 380 Honors Seminar

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Topics related to current social problems and communication.

Prerequisites: 200-level HONORS course and consent of Honors College Director.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2000, Fall 1997.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 381 Health Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theory and process of health communication at multiple levels: individual, social network, organizational, community, and societal. Current research in health communication.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 401 Communication in Marital and Family Relationships

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Social scientific approach to the study of communication in marital/family relationships. Examination of theory and research concerning communication processes in marital/family relationships.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 101(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 402 Gender and Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Course focuses on interactive relationships between gender, communication, and culture; in particular, the ways in which communication creates and perpetuates gendered identities and gendered interaction.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 410 Organizational Communication Technology

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Conceptual and analytical consideration of communication consequences and needs related to technological assimilation and designing work environments.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 413 Rhetoric and the Internet

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Critical exploration and analysis of the internet as a communication phenomenon.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2020, Summer 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 423 Decision-Making and Creativity

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Key issues in decision making and creativity at various organizational levels and across different decision making domains.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Spring 2012, Fall 2011.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 435 Rhetoric in Western Thought

3 cr. Undergraduate.

A survey of rhetorical theory in western thinking since ancient Greece.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 103(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2018, Fall 2007, Fall 2004, Fall 2002.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 436 Recent Rhetorical Theory

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Recent American and European theories of rhetoric as a dimension of human communication.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 103(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2010, Spring 2008, Spring 2006, Spring 2005.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 440 Contemporary Problems in Freedom of Speech

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Current legal and regulatory issues that involve freedom of speech.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2012, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 450 Cross-Cultural Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theories, research methods, and communication issues in cross-cultural, international interactions.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 462 Communication in the Legal Process

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theory and research in argumentation and persuasion and application in the legal process.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 103(P) or COMMUN 362(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2007, Fall 2005, Fall 2004, Fall 2003.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 464 Theory and Practice of Persuasion

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Consideration of principles and methods of persuasion, with practice in the analysis and preparation of persuasive messages.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2023, Fall 2022, Summer 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 470 Communicating Data I: Data Literacy & Interpretation

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Concepts, strategies, and methods for effective and ethical communication of data in various contemporary contexts. Explores the intersection of data analysis, data visualization, and communication, developing literacy and fluency in data interpretation and storytelling.

Prerequisites: COMMUN 370(P) or other approved statistics course (AFRIC 301, POL SCI 203, PSYCH 325, SOCIOL 361, or CRM JST 662); or consent of the instructor.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 472 Rhetoric of Radicalism in the United States

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Rhetoric of radical movements in the United States including the American Revolution, the abolitionist and free love movements, Black Nationalism, women's liberation, and contemporary radical movements.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Commun 651 w/similar topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Spring 2014, Spring 2011.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 473 African American Public Discourse

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Rhetorical analysis and historical survey of public and persuasive discourse by African Americans from the early nineteenth through the twenty-first century.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 474 Rhetoric of Women's Rights in the US

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Rhetoric of women's rights and its relationship to equality and participation.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Commun 651 w/similar topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2012.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 481 Interpersonal Issues in Health Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theory and practice of health communication at the interpersonal level, including such topics as personal relationships, provider-patient interaction, technology, and interpersonal education and prevention.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 497 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing; and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Summer 2025, Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 497G Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing; and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Summer 2025, Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 499 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered one additional semester.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P). Additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 550 International and Global Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Models, theories, and contexts of relational communication between people from different nation states, viewed from interpersonal, small group, organizational, and rhetorical perspectives.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 350(P) or COMMUN 450(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 550G International and Global Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Models, theories, and contexts of relational communication between people from different nation states, viewed from interpersonal, small group, organizational, and rhetorical perspectives.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 350(P) or COMMUN 450(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 581 Health Communication Interventions

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theories, strategies, and methods in the design of health promotional and disease prevention interventions. Development of ethical and culturally responsive communication strategies.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Spring 2008.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 588 Research Practicum

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced research experience under the supervision of a member of the Communication faculty.

Prerequisites: junior standing; communication major or minor; 3.00 overall GPA; COMMUN 200(P), COMMUN 335(P), or COMMUN 370(P); completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and written consent of instructor.

Course Rules: Offered as credit/no credit only. May be retaken to 6 cr max, with 3 cr max from any one faculty member.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 597 Practicum in Teaching Communication

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Prerequisites: junior standing; declared Communication major or minor; 3.00 GPA in Communication coursework; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and written consent of instructor.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max, with max of 3 cr from any one faculty member.

Last Taught: Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Spring 2007.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 631 Current Topics in Interpersonal Communication/Conflict Management:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Research-oriented approaches to interpersonal communication/conflict management. Specific topics announced in Schedule of Classes when course is offered.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2008, Fall 2007.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 641 Current Topics in Organizational/Professional Communication:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Research-oriented approaches to organizational/professional communication. Specific topics announced Schedule of Classes when course is offered.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2002.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 651 Current Topics in Rhetorical/Public Communication:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Research-oriented approaches to rhetorical/public communication. Specific topics announced in Schedule of Classes when course is offered.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Spring 2002.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 655 Cultural Training and Adjustment

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Theories and research related to the role of communication in cultural adjustment processes, cultural training, and evaluation of training.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 350(P) or COMMUN 450(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Spring 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 655G Cultural Training and Adjustment

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Theories and research related to the role of communication in cultural adjustment processes, cultural training, and evaluation of training.

Prerequisites: junior standing; COMMUN 350(P) or COMMUN 450(P); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Spring 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 665 Introduction to Mediation

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Course focuses on learning about the mediation process, related theories, and its application in a variety of contexts. Students receive twenty hours of mediation training.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 665G Introduction to Mediation

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Course focuses on learning about the mediation process, related theories, and its application in a variety of contexts. Students receive twenty hours of mediation training.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 667 Great American Speakers and Issues

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Selected great speakers and their speeches on major issues in American history.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 667G Great American Speakers and Issues

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Selected great speakers and their speeches on major issues in American history.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 672 Communication and Social Order

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

The role of communication in both maintaining and challenging social structures and hierarchies.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 672G Communication and Social Order

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

The role of communication in both maintaining and challenging social structures and hierarchies.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 698 Internship in Communication

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Field experience in a profit/nonprofit organization; course examines professional communication issues.

Prerequisites: junior standing; declared Communication major or approved program of study; 9 cr COMMUN 300-level or above; 2.5 overall GPA; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and written consent of internship director.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in organization to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 699 Advanced Independent Reading

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced independent work under the supervision of a Commun faculty or instructional academic staff member. Students must submit a study proposal. For more information, consult department director of undergraduate studies.

Prerequisites: junior standing; 2.0 GPA; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 700 Quantitative Research in Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Introduction to the methods and techniques of quantitative research in communication, with special focus on problems of experimental and field research.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 701 Critical Analysis of Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Introduction to the methods and techniques of humanistic research in communication, with special focus on problems of criticism and history.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 702 Qualitative Research in Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Methods and techniques of qualitative research in communication; special focus on problems of discourse analysis and interaction observation.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 735 Rhetorical Theory

3 cr. Graduate.

Critical study of various humanistic theories of rhetorical communication. Major emphasis on contemporary theories, trends, and concepts.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 750 Theory and Research in Intercultural Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Major theories and contemporary research in the field of intercultural, cross-cultural, and global communication.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2015.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 762 Argumentation in Theory and Practice

3 cr. Graduate.

Argumentation theories in a performance-based context to train citizen-scholars. Assumes no prior knowledge of argumentation theories.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Fall 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 772 Rhetorical Leadership and Ethics

3 cr. Graduate.

The practice of responsible leadership from the humanities-based perspective of rhetoric.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Fall 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 800 Proseminar: The Discipline of Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

The theoretical, conceptual, and pedagogical parameters of communication as a discipline.

Prerequisites: grad st; admission to Commun M.A. Program or cons instr.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 801 Seminar in Interpersonal Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Overview of current perspectives and critical analysis of research in verbal and nonverbal aspects of interpersonal communication.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2017, Fall 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 802 Marital and Family Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Examination of how communication functions to develop, maintain, enrich, or limit family relationships.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 805 Seminar on Issues in Interpersonal Communication:

3 cr. Graduate.

In-depth study and discussion of application of interpersonal communication research and theory.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Counts as repeat of COMMUN 860 with same subtitle.

Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2017.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 806 Understudied Close Relationships**

3 cr. Graduate.

How communication functions to develop, maintain, enrich, or limit understudied close relationships.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of Commun 805 w/similar topic.**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2014.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 810 Studies of Communication in Organizations**

3 cr. Graduate.

Surveys theory and research on communication processes that constitute and maintain organizations. Topics include communication and networks, managerial hierarchy, power, and organizational culture.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2022, Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Fall 2011.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 813 Seminar in Mediated Communication**

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced course focusing on theory and research pertaining to relationships between human communication processes and interactive technologies.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Fall 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2016.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 814 Communication Technologies in Relationships**

3 cr. Graduate.

In-depth study and discussion of theory and research pertaining to how, why, and with what effects people use communication technologies for interpersonal communication in a variety of contexts.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of COMMUN 805 with the same topic.**Last Taught:** Fall 2024, Spring 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 816 Media Effects**

3 cr. Graduate.

Cross-disciplinary examination of theoretical approaches, research methods, and findings in the study of the effects of media on beliefs, opinions, behavior, and policy; design and execution of a research project.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Previously JAMS 810.**Last Taught:** Spring 2019, Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2011.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 818 Politics and the Media**

3 cr. Graduate.

In-depth examination of the relationships between the media and politics in the United States.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Previously JAMS 835.**Last Taught:** Spring 2024, Spring 2019, Spring 2015, Spring 2010.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 823 Seminar in Small Group Communication**

3 cr. Graduate.

Examination of theory and research in small group communication: methods, applications, and problems of small group communication.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Fall 2015.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 825 Work/Life Intersections and Communication**

3 cr. Graduate.

Discussion and analysis of current communication research and work to extend understanding about how communication creates, frames, perpetuates, and challenges conceptualizations of the public (paid work) and private (life) spheres.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of COMMUN 860 with similar topic.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 830 Negotiation**

3 cr. Graduate.

Theory and research addressing negotiation as fundamentally a communicative process.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Counts as repeat of Commun 860 w/ same topic.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 835 Seminar in Contemporary Public Address**

3 cr. Graduate.

Observation and analysis of verbal and nonverbal messages, forms, situations, strategies and media in contemporary public communication.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2019, Spring 2013.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 837 Instructional Communication in the College Classroom**

3 cr. Graduate.

Theory and practice of instructional communication in the college classroom; research connected to students' own teaching development.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2016, Fall 2013.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 850 Seminar in Intercultural Communication**

3 cr. Graduate.

Examination of advanced theory and research in intercultural and international communication; methods and problems of intercultural communication research.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 852 Critical Approaches to Intercultural Communication

3 cr. Graduate.

Critical approaches to culture, identity, and intercultural communication using both classical and contemporary texts; emphasis on scholars of color and other marginalized groups.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 860 Seminar: Issues in Communication:**

3 cr. Graduate.

In-depth study and discussion of application of communication research and theory. Content varies.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 862 Public Deliberation**

3 cr. Graduate.

Emerging literature on deliberative democracy; ethical, practical, and political possibilities for public argument and decision making.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Fall 2022, Fall 2013, Fall 2011.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 864 Communication and Social Influence**

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced theory and experimental studies in persuasion.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2016, Fall 2012, Spring 2010, Summer 2004.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 872 Rhetorics of Constituting Community and Social Controversy**

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced theories of promoting and disrupting identification or division and social conflict through rhetoric.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2014.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 873 The Digital Mirror**

3 cr. Graduate.

Public messages about a wide range of technologies as purposeful statements about our identity as a technoculture and technocitizens.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Spring 2019, Spring 2015, Fall 2011, Fall 2008.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 874 Rhetoric of Women's Rights in the US**

3 cr. Graduate.

The rhetorical tradition of women's rights in the U.S. and its use as a lens to reflect on rhetorical theory and criticism.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Fall 2022, Spring 2018, Fall 2013, Spring 2011.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 875 Rhetoric of Space and Mobility**

3 cr. Graduate.

The intersections of rhetoric, space, and mobility.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of COMMUN 973 with similar topic.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 888 Candidate for Degree**

0 cr. Graduate.

Available for graduate students who must meet minimum credit load requirement.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Fee for 1 cr assessed; unit does not count towards credit load for Fin Aid. Repeatable. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.**Last Taught:** Fall 2023, Spring 2019, Summer 2015, Summer 2014.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 893 Rhetoric of/and the Internet**

3 cr. Graduate.

The concept of 'The Internet' in popular culture; opportunities and obstacles the internet presents to rhetorical communication.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2009.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 900 Philosophy and Practice of Communication**

3 cr. Graduate.

Philosophical and theoretical perspectives on the scholarly study of human communication.

Prerequisites: grad st**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 902 Advanced Qualitative Research in Communication - Interviewing**

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced methods and techniques of qualitative research in communication; special focus on interviewing.

Prerequisites: graduate standing and COMMUN 702(P); or consent of instructor.**Course Rules:** Counts as repeat of COMMUN 860 with the same topic.**Last Taught:** Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 913 Advanced Topics in Group Communication:**

3 cr. Graduate.

Theory of and research on emerging issues related to the study and teaching of group communication.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**COMMUN 950 Theory Building in Communication and Culture**

3 cr. Graduate.

The processes of conducting scientific inquiry about communication and culture.

Prerequisites: grad st; Commun 750(P); Commun 850(P).**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 971 Meta-Analysis: Practice and Application

3 cr. Graduate.

Meta-analysis as means of quantitative literature summary for social sciences with application to education and health.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Commun 972 w/similar subtitle.

Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2014, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 972 Advanced Methods in Communication Research:

3 cr. Graduate.

Multivariate statistical methods. Advanced and emerging new methodologies for communication research.

Prerequisites: grad st; Commun 700(P), 701(P), 702(P), 770(P); or cons instr

Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 973 Topics in Rhetorical Research:

3 cr. Graduate.

In-depth examination of a particular area of rhetorical research, with focus on methodologies; students reflect on epistemic, publication, and professional issues.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 credits.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 990 Research and Thesis

1-12 cr. Graduate.

Production of a thesis under the supervision of student's major professor with consultation of the degree committee.

Prerequisites: grad st & cons instr.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 998 Communication Internship

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Student applies course work in profit or nonprofit setting; synthesizes course and work experience in graded paper.

Prerequisites: grad st; 12 grad cr Commun or, for mediation interns, 6 grad cr from Mediation Cert course list; writ cons sponsoring agency or organization; cons supervising faculty member & Commun grad prog dir.

Course Rules: Retakable to 3 cr max.

Last Taught: Summer 2024, Summer 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

COMMUN 999 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Supervised investigation of a particular topic area either not covered by other communication courses or at a level of sophistication beyond that in other courses.

Prerequisites: grad st; cons instr.

Course Rules: Retakable to 3 cr max for M.A. students, and 9 cr max for Ph.D. students.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>