

Communication Studies

The Communication Studies Department (CMST) is committed to serving future Communication Studies majors as well as meeting current cross-disciplinary general education requirements. The complement of courses take a theory-grounded, skills-based approach to developing multiple communication competencies: speaking, listening, writing, relationship building (including conflict resolution), and new/digital media management.

Communication Studies Classes

CMST& 101: Introduction to Communication

Introduction to the history, theory and practice of human communication. Development of effective communication skills for use in a variety of contexts, including, but not limited to: intrapersonal, interpersonal, intercultural, small group, relationships, workplace/organizational settings and new technology.

Credits 5

Weekly Contact Hours 5

Meets Degree Requirements For
Humanities

CMST& 210: Interpersonal Communication

Principles, processes and practices of interpersonal communication to appropriately and effectively communicate in given situations. Focus is on perception of self and others, including diversity, verbal and non-verbal cues, and strategies for understanding and improving interpersonal relationship dynamics.

Credits 5

Weekly Contact Hours 5

Meets Degree Requirements For
Humanities

CMST& 220: Public Speaking

Preparation and delivery of speeches to a public audience. Focus is on the improvement of one's communication skills through topic choice, research, organization and outlining of content; use of voice, body and self-confidence. Other areas covered are audience listening skills and speaker evaluations.

Credits 5

Weekly Contact Hours 5

Meets Degree Requirements For
Humanities

CMST 130: Survey of Digital Communications

Introduces students to digital communications, with an emphasis on the social impact of new media. Students explore emerging technologies and study their application in a variety of environments. Empowers students to critically analyze and create basic digital projects, while learning how to be responsible digital citizens.

Credits 5

Weekly Contact Hours 6

Meets Degree Requirements For
Humanities

JOUR 101: Introduction to Journalism

Fundamentals of Journalism. Course covers the principles, ethics, role and responsibility of journalists and news outlets; history, law, and economics of the industry. Students are also introduced to the challenges of newsgathering, writing, and publishing to audiences in an ever-evolving landscape of multi-media, digital and social platforms.

Credits 5

Weekly Contact Hours 5

Meets Degree Requirements For

Humanities

Prerequisites

Placement in language usage and reading or a grade of C or higher in [ENGL 97](#) or a grade of B- or higher in ABE 19 or a grade of B or higher in the Bridge-to-College English Language Arts course or a grade of 3 or higher on the Smarter Balanced exam.