

Speech Communication

The speech communication major, which encompasses both communication theory and rhetorical arts, has two primary educational goals: (1) to develop students' ability to communicate with others and (2) to educate students to effectively evaluate the communication of others.

ACADEMIC TRACKS LEGAL COMMUNICATION

Law is fundamentally a profession about research and communication. The practice of law involves researching case law, constructing arguments, and persuading others. It demands the ability to clearly construct, present and analyze arguments. With a field so steeped in verbal and nonverbal skill requirements, a background in communication can serve as an effective foundation for a career in law. Communication training, or a degree in communication, is extremely useful for admission to law schools, as well as providing skills for use after law school. It is also valuable to paralegals and legal secretaries. This communication specialization is intended for students who are interested in some aspect of the legal profession ranging from attorneys to those who work with attorneys and the courts.

SPEECH COMMUNICATION COURSES: (37 HOURS)

REQUIRED COURSES: (7 HOURS)

Spch 080: Speech Seminar (0 hrs)
 Spch 320: Theories of Human Communication (3 hrs)
 Spch 330: Rhetoric of Western Thought (3 hrs)
 Spch 550: Senior Colloquium (1 hr)

LEGAL COMMUNICATION COURSES: (15 HOURS)

Spch 321: Public Speaking II (3 hrs)
 Spch 322: Interpersonal Communication (3 hrs)
 Spch 323: Nonverbal Communication (3 hrs)
 Spch 325: Argumentation and Debate (3 hrs)
 Spch 331: Criticism of Public Discourse (3 hrs)
 Spch 430: Freedom of Speech (3 hrs)
 Spch 450: Special Topics: Legal Communication (3 hrs)
 Spch 480: Intercultural Communication (3 hrs)
 Spch 526: Persuasion (3 hrs)

SPEECH COMMUNICATION ELECTIVES: (15 HRS)

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- > ATTORNEY JURY CONSULTANT
- > PARALEGAL
- > LEGAL SECRETARY
- > RESEARCH SPECIALIST
- > LEGAL BRIEF WRITER

RELATED MAJORS / MINORS

- > POLITICAL SCIENCE
- > PHILOSOPHY
- > ENGLISH

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