

# Communication Studies Major Program Checklist: **Interpersonal Communication**

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To count toward the major, all SCOM courses must be passed with a C- or better

## **I. Core: 12 Credit Hours**

The following five courses must be completed by all majors, no substitutions.

- SCOM 240 (Intro to Comm Theory)
- SCOM 240L (Comm Theory Lab)
- SCOM 242 (Presentational Speaking)
- SCOM 280 (Intro to Comm Research)
- SCOM 341 (Persuasion)

## **II. Communication Studies Electives - 6 Credit Hours**

- SCOM 200/300/400
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## **III. Advanced Research Methods: 3 Credit Hours**

SCOM Research Choose 1 of the following:  
Prerequisite: SCOM 280

- SCOM 381 Rhetorical Research Methods
- SCOM 383 Quantitative Experimental Research Methods
- SCOM 385 Qualitative Research Methods
- SCOM 386 Survey Research Methods
- SCOM 388 Campaign Research Methods

**I, II, and III.** Required of all SCOM concentrations

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## **IV. Interpersonal Communication Studies Concentration: 18 Credit Hours**

### **Interpersonal Communication Concentration**

#### **Core: Required Courses: 6 Credit Hours**

- SCOM 320 (Intro to Interpersonal Communication)
- SCOM 440 (Family Communication)

#### **Communication Skills: (Choose one) 3 Credit Hours**

- SCOM 325 (Small Group Comm)
- SCOM 332 (Mediation)
- SCOM 340 (Principles and Processes of Interviewing)
- SCOM 358 (Business and Professional Communication)

#### **Interpersonal Communication Concentration Electives: (Choose two) 6 Credit Hours:**

- SCOM 314 (Communication in Romantic Relationships)
- SCOM 330 (Special Topics in Interpersonal Comm)
- SCOM 331 (Comm and Conflict)
- SCOM 345 (Nonverbal Comm)
- SCOM 348 (Gender Comm)
- SCOM 414 (Attachment Theory) \*Will need course directive

#### **Communication Depth Elective: (Choose one) 3 Credit Hours**

- SCOM 248 (Intercultural Comm)
- SCOM 260 (Introduction to Public Relations)
- SCOM 334 (Alternative Dispute Resolution)
- SCOM 350 (Organizational Communication)
- SCOM 370 (Introduction to Health Comm)
- SCOM 432 (Senior Seminar: Conflict Analysis and Intervention)

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## **V. Minor/Second Major/Cognate: 12-18 credits**

Complete a minor program of study, a second major, or 12 hours outside of SCOM at 300/400 level.

- Minor or  2nd major or  12 hours of electives

## **VI. General Education: 41 credits**

- Cluster 1  Cluster 2  Cluster 3  Cluster 4  Cluster 5

## **VII. BA/BS Degree Requirements: 3-17 credits**

The Philosophy and Natural/Social Science courses may not double count with General Education credit.

BA:  Language 232  Philosophy

BS:  Math 220/COB 191  Natural/Social Science

## **VIII. Total credit hours required to graduate is 120 hours**

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