

CSUN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Department Major Requirements [Effective Spring 2022]

DEPARTMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS (Complete All 15 units)

COMS 301	Performance, Language, and Cultural Studies (3)
COMS 321	Rhetorical Discourse (3)
COMS 327	Rhetorical Theory (3)
COMS 351	Communication Theory (3)
COMS 356	Intercultural Communication (3)

DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Performance and Cultural Studies (Select 3 units) COMS 301 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band

COMS 303	Narrative in Performance (3)
COMS 304	Poetry in Performance (3)
COMS 354	Communication and Technology (3)
COMS 401	Performance and Social Change (3)
COMS 404	Theories of Interpretation (3)
COMS 445	Communication and Popular Cultures (3)

Rhetorical Theory (Select 3 units) COMS 327 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band

COMS 425	Theories of Argumentation and Deliberation (3)
COMS 435	Rhetoric of Women (3)
COMS 442	Rhetoric of Peace and Conflict (3)
COMS 444	Political Rhetoric (3)
COMS 448	Rhetoric of Extraordinary Claim (3)

Communication Theory (Select 3 units) COMS 351 is a prerequisite for all courses in this band

COMS 320	Communicative Functions of Language (3)
COMS 350	Nonverbal Communication (3)
COMS 431	Persuasion (3)
COMS 451	Interpersonal Communication (3)
COMS 453	Organizational Communication (3)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENT (Select 3 Units)

COMS 323	Group Communication (3)
COMS 400C	Directing Oral Performance (3)
COMS 410	Community-Based Performance (3)
COMS 437	Communication for Youth Institute (3)
COMS 452	Communication Training and Development (3)
COMS 494/L	Internship in Communication Studies and Lab (3)

COMMUNICATION METHODS REQUIREMENT (Select 3 Units)

COMS 430	Rhetorical Criticism (3)
COMS 440	Performance & Cultural Studies Criticism (3)
COMS 450	Communication Research Methodology (3)

MAJOR ELECTIVES (Select 15 units)

Any course listed in the above sections (*after completing the minimum 3 units*) may be counted for this section as well. If there is a COMS 300 or 400 level course not listed below (ex. Topics courses such as COMS 396A-Z), you may still apply it towards the COMS Major Elective section.

COMS 309	Advanced Public Speaking (3)	COMS 406	Performance Composition (3)
COMS 312	Health Communication (3)	COMS 420	Language and Symbolic Processes (3)
COMS 315	Communication and Agency (3)	COMS 428	Freedom of Speech (3)
COMS 325	Legal Argumentation (3)	COMS 436	Communication and Food (3)
COMS 360	Communication and the Sexes (3)	COMS 443	Rhetoric in Business (3)
COMS 395	Forensics (1)	COMS 446	Rhetoric of Crime and Punishment (3)
COMS 399	Performance Ensemble (1)	COMS 464	Digital Culture (3)

TOTAL UNITS: 45 units

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