

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## California State University, Northridge

### Department Major Requirements

(Effective Fall 2013)

#### DEPARTMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 units)

COMS 301	Performance, Language, and Cultural Studies
COMS 321	Rhetorical Discourse
COMS 327	Rhetorical Theory
COMS 351	Communication Theory
COMS 356	Intercultural Communication
<b>AND one of the following methods courses</b>	
COMS 430	Rhetorical Criticism
COMS 440	Performance & Cultural Studies Criticism
COMS 450	Communication Research Methodology

#### DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS (9 units)

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

COMS 303	Narrative in Performance
COMS 304	Poetry in Performance
COMS 401	Performance and Social Change
COMS 404	Theories of Interpretation
COMS 445	Communication and Popular Cultures

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

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

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

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

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENT (Select 3 Units)

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

#### MAJOR ELECTIVES (15 units)

Select an additional 15 units of upper division courses in Communication Studies. These units may come from the courses listed above, as well as those listed below.

COMS 309	Advanced Public Speaking
COMS 325	Legal Argumentation
COMS 360	Communication and the Sexes
COMS 420	Language and Symbolic Processes
COMS 428	Freedom of Speech
COMS 443	Rhetoric in Business
COMS 446	Rhetoric of Crime and Punishment
COMS 454	Communication and Technology

**TOTAL UNITS: 45 units**

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