## COMMUNICATION (COMM)

**COMM F121X**  Introduction to Interpersonal Communication  
3 Credits  
This course features the fundamental principles of effective oral communication, emphasizing interpersonal communication as well as public speaking. Through role playing, speeches and evaluations of other speakers, students explore the complexities of communication in today’s society.  
*Attributes: UAF GER Oral Communication*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F131X**  Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context  
3 Credits  
Presentational speaking skills: individual and group. Includes verbal and nonverbal skills, critical thinking in selecting and organizing materials, audience analysis and speaking presentation. Group skills include task and relational interaction, required interdependence, working across cultural differences, group decision-making and shared logistics of presentation. Student evaluations are based on nationally normed speaking competencies.  
*Attributes: UAF GER Oral Communication*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F141X**  Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context  
3 Credits  
Speaking skills for individual presentation. Includes verbal and nonverbal skills, critical thinking in selecting and organizing materials, audience analysis, informative and persuasive speaking, and actual presentations. Student evaluations are based on nationally normed speaking competencies.  
*Attributes: UAF GER Oral Communication*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F180X**  Introduction to Human Communication  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Critical thinking about fundamental concepts in human communication in interpersonal, group, public, organizational and intercultural settings. Introduction to inquiry into human communication as a social and human science.  
*Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F201**  Dispute Resolution and Restorative Practices  
3 Credits  
This course surveys the basic practical and theoretical foundations of conflict, conflict resolution and restorative practices. It introduces students to the basic theories and practices of conflict resolution and peace-making, providing students with grounding in theories, applications and dynamics of conflict and key conflict resolution processes.  
*Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; COMM F131X or COMM F141X; PS/ECON F100X or JUST F110X.*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F210**  Argumentation and Critical Thinking  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Introduction to argumentation, emphasizing the process of constructing and evaluating sound arguments based on reasoning, evidence, and strategy. Prerequisite: ENGL F111X or permission of instructor  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F220**  Professional Interviewing  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
The theory and practice of methods in selected interview settings: emphasis on interpersonal communication between two persons, questioning techniques, and the logical and psychological bases of interpersonal persuasion.  
*Prerequisites: ENGL F111X or permission of instructor.*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F300X**  Communicating Ethics  
3 Credits  
An examination of ethical choices which are communicated in everyday encounters. Examines human moral development from a variety of perspectives, including feminist interpretations. Creation and communication of human values explored through the discussion of a series of contemporary dilemmas.  
*Prerequisites: Junior standing; placement in ENGL F111X or higher; or permission of instructor.*  
*Attributes: UAF GER Ethics Req*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F302**  Dispute Systems Design  
3 Credits  
Offered Summer and Fall  
This course examines the hidden sources of conflicts that are often embedded in social, legal, political, and organizational structures and systems. This course will be focused on all aspects of structural, systemic conflict, and introduces ways to harness conflict for positive organizational outcomes.  
*Prerequisites: JUST F201; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of the instructor.*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F320**  Communication and Language  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Examination of the nature of language and its place in human communication, with special attention to the creation of meaning in conversation.  
*Prerequisites: Any lower-division communication course or permission of instructor.*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F321**  Nonverbal Communication  
3 Credits  
Examination of nonverbal behavior in human communication, including consideration of space, physical environment, physical appearance and dress, kinesics, facial expression and non-lexical vocal behavior.  
*Prerequisites: Any lower division communication course; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.*  
*Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0*

**COMM F322**  Communication in Interpersonal Relationships  
3 Credits  
An examination of communication in the most basic human context, the relational dyad. Emphasis on the ongoing, co-constructed nature of the relationship as communicative action. Discussion of interpersonal relationships generally, and extensive discussion of communication in the patterns of coming together, relationship maintenance, relational and personal growth in relationships, relational conflict, and relational disengagement. Theoretical and practical perspectives.  
*Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.*  
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<td>Intercultural Communication (s)</td>
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<td>The nature and sources of problems in communication that may arise when persons with different cultural backgrounds interact. Emphasis on problems in intercultural communication in Alaska.</td>
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<td>Current research and theory in intergroup and intragroup relations. Topics include the study of leadership, power, group structure, participation and conflict.</td>
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<td>Examines current theoretical and methodological approaches undergirding the construction of organizations via the communication process. Includes functional (message flow, load and network analysis) as well as interpretive (metaphors, narratives and organizational culture) approaches to the study of organizational communication.</td>
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<td>Gender and Communication (s)</td>
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<td>Basic socialization differences exist in the communication practices of women and men in every culture, resulting in differing cultural constructions of male and female gender. Those differences are addressed in the interpersonal, organizational and cultural contexts. Exploration of cultural female/male dichotomy as well as individual similarities.</td>
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<td>Exploration of the functions of communication in marriage and the family, sequences and patterns of family communication, family communication as a continual process of coping with dialectical tensions, and the complexity of changing family life in Western societies.</td>
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<td>COMM F353</td>
<td>Conflict, Mediation and Communication (s)</td>
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<td>Examines conflict as a complex communication event, together with the role of the mediator in building constructive outcomes in conflicts. Emphasis on developing skills to engage in mediation.</td>
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COMM F435  Political Media and Discourses of the American Right  
(0, s)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years or As Demand Warrants  
This class uses “hands-on” discourse analytic techniques of student-collected media data in order to examine whether or not there is a unified rhetorical style associated with the American Right; the nature of the relationship between a message, its form and persuasion; and how moral stance are taken in political contexts. Evaluation of the veracity, ethical or historical merits of conservative political stances is not part of the scope of this course.  
Prerequisites:  COMM F131X or COMM F141X; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X.  
Cross-listed with ANTH F435 and LING F435.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  
COMM F441  Persuasion  
(s)  
3 Credits  
Examination of communication situations which involve attempts to modify the beliefs, attitudes, values, intentions or behaviors of another individual or group of individuals. Explores the process, methods and ethics of attempts to affect change via persuasive communication.  
Prerequisites:  Any F300-level communication course or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  
COMM F451  Cross-Cultural Conflict Analysis and Intervention  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring.  
Students will learn key concepts and skills that will help them respond to cross-cultural and human rights conflicts in a productive manner. Students will learn basic conflict analysis for cross-cultural and human rights disputes, including those occurring in rural Alaska. By the end of the course students will understand the theoretical assumptions that drive these conflicts and will learn tools to resolve them.  
Prerequisites:  JUST F302; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  
COMM F452  Law and Science of Arbitration  
(s)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
This course covers the law, social science, policy and practices relating to arbitration as it is utilized in both the public and private sector. Students will learn the history of arbitration, its applications, its rules of evidence, administering institutions and their rules, arbitral remedies and awards, grounds for judicial review, and its hybrid use with other processes including mediation, fact-finding, and early neutral evaluation.  
Prerequisites:  JUST F302; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  
COMM F453  Clinic in Mediation, Conferencing and Circle Practices  
(s)  
3 Credits  
This course engages students in both theory and practice in mediation, conferencing and circle practices. The course emphasizes training and professional practice in a series of theory-to-practice applications. Students work through a series of cases in which they are encouraged to solve ethical dilemmas and conduct issues. In this course, students gain mediation practice skills and integral approached to mediation.  
Prerequisites:  JUST F302; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  

COMM F462  Communication in Health Contexts  
(W, s)  
3 Credits  
Health communication as an established context for communication study will be explored. Problems in health communication will be examined as well as how those problems are exacerbated by the various matters of diversity, language and setting. Communication between health care professionals, between health care providers and health care consumers, between health care facilities and communities, and the legal perspectives of health communication will be topical.  
Prerequisites:  Any F300-level communication course; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  

COMM F469  Communication Internship  
1-3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Links academic and professional on-site learning. Students must arrange an appropriate internship. The internship must be relevant to communication, provide guided learning experiences in a profession that would be appropriate and of interest for employment after graduation, and include a minimum of 150 hours on-site. COMM F469 receives a deferred grade, which will then be completed following (or concurrent) fall semester when the student enrolls in COMM F470. Evaluation will be done by both site supervisor and course instructor, and the grade assigned will apply to the credits for both COMM F469 and COMM F470.  
Prerequisites:  Junior or senior standing; permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  0 + 0 + 10-30  

COMM F470  Communication Internship Seminar  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Will improve job-hunting and networking skills and apply organizational communication theories (workplace socialization processes, cultural rituals, negotiation of power, social capital, emotional labor, etc.). COMM F469 receives a deferred grade, which will then be completed following (or concurrent) fall semester when the student enrolls in COMM F470. Evaluation will be done by both site supervisor and course instructor, and the grade assigned will apply to the credits for both COMM F469 and COMM F470.  
Prerequisites:  COMM F469; junior or senior standing; permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0  

COMM F475  Applied Communication in Training and Development  
(W, s)  
3 Credits  
Applies communication theory and research to organizational settings. Includes the identification and assessment of problems and opportunities that would benefit from the application of communication interventions including training, development and transformation technologies.  
Prerequisites:  Any F300-level communication course; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
COMM F480  Organizational Communication: Performance Management
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
A comprehensive introduction to the role of communication in organizational change and development using Performance Management (PM) principles and practices. Ethical responsibility of PM communicators will be considered.
Prerequisite: Any F300-level communication course or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F482  Capstone Seminar in Communication (O, W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Original research to demonstrate ability to read and understand social research, synthesize information, formalize a research question and use research skills. This senior capstone course requires a research project presented in a public speaking forum.
Prerequisites: COMM F131X or COMM F141X; COMM F401; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F600  Introduction to Professional Communication
3 Credits
Offered Fall
An introduction to professional practices important to communication careers. Professional writing and editing methods and techniques used in academic and/or professional careers. Development and presentation of professional reports which would include quantitatively- and qualitatively-based support. A.P.A. style guide will be covered.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F601  Communication Research Methodologies: Social Science
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Introduction to the range of methodologies used to produce both practical and theoretic knowledge in the discipline. Presents the relationships between scientific questions, appropriate selection of methodology and types of knowledge products. Note: COMM/JRN F601 is a required core course for the M.A. in Professional Communication.
Cross-listed with JRN F601.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F602  Communication Research Methodologies: Human Science
3 Credits
Offered Spring
An introduction to research using a constructionist epistemology and the methodologies of the human science contexture. Includes evaluation and preparation of research using a variety of methodologies and to employ the data collection techniques that are implied by those methodologies.
Prerequisites: COMM F601; COMM F625; or permission of the instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F622  Interpersonal Interaction
3 Credits
All understandings of communication study begin at the interpersonal level because this is the context in which the relation of self and the social is most clear. Interpersonal Interaction will provide students an opportunity to investigate a particular communication context of their choice (health, family, aging, conflict, relational, education, etc.) and ways in which interpersonal interactions interconnect human social life at all levels of lived experience.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication degree or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F625  Communication Theory
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Required course for the master's degree in Professional Communication. The course is designed to acquaint students with both the historical evolution of the discipline against the backdrop of the evolution of the social sciences and with the theoretical perspectives of knowledge-building that have marked that disciplinary evolution. Students will learn the contextual interconnectedness of philosophy and theory. Finally, Communication Theory will also make the essential connections between theoretical perspectives and their professional uses.
Cross-listed with JRN F625.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
COMM F640  Political Media and Discourses of the American Right
3 Credits
The class uses "hands-on" discourse analytic techniques of student-collected media data in order to examine whether or not there is a unified rhetorical style associated with the American Right; the nature of the relationship between a message, its form and persuasion; and how moral stance are taken in political contexts. Evaluation of the veracity, ethical or historical merits of conservative political stances are not part of the scope of the class.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Cross-listed with ANTH F635 and LING F635
Stacked with ANTH F435; LING F435.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F642  Health Communication
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Health Communication is intended to give students and interested professionals in related fields access to the most current research in this area. The course will address human communication at every level of interaction in the provision of health care: interpersonal (e.g., doctor/patient), small group (e.g., clinic cardiac team), intra-organizational (e.g., medical staff and business staff), inter-organizational (e.g., hospital and schools), public campaigns (e.g., Center for Disease Control and prevention initiatives on drunk driving), and associated communication factors such as culture and diversity. Includes involvement in research and grant-proposal writing.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication degree or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F661  Mentored Teaching in Communication
1 Credit
Mentored teaching provides consistent contact on course-related issues between teaching assistants and mentoring faculty. Note: Teaching assistants are required to be enrolled in a mentoring teaching section while teaching. May be repeated up to four times for credit.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication or permission of instructor; award of teaching assistantship in communication.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 2

COMM F675  Training and Development Communication
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Training and Development Communication offers students practical, current understandings of planned training, development and transformation processes as they are applied in the organizational setting. The information and class projects will help prepare training and development specialists, consultants and others whose interest is in this growing communication field.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication degree or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F680  Communication and Diversity in the Professional World
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Case study methods applied to the ever-expanding problems of communication in a changing workplace. The diversity of gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, physical ability, sexual orientation and age are reshaping the professional world at every level and communication professionals are increasingly called upon to formulate ways of accommodating this change. The course will prepare students to address diversity and planned changes in the workplace.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication degree or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F682  Seminar in Communication
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
A variable content seminar intended to give students an opportunity to work closely with communication faculty in the study of topics, ideas or methodologies significant to the communication discipline (e.g., relational conflict, social construction, narrative research, etc.).
Prerequisites: Enrollment in M.A. in Professional Communication degree or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

COMM F698  Non-Thesis Research/Project
1-6 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

COMM F699  Thesis
1-9 Credits
Every candidate for the communication concentration of the master's degree in professional communication will complete a thesis project. The requirement consists of an original piece of communication research directed by a member of the graduate faculty in the communication department. The completed and accepted thesis will be presented in an appropriate public forum.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0