

COMMUNICATION STUDIES (CMST)

CMST 1545 Communication Foundations 3 s.h.

Theories, strategies, and skills for competent participation in interpersonal, group, and public communication situations. Application exercises in interpersonal, group, and public communication.

Prereq.: Qualified to take ENGL 1550.

CMST 1545H Honors Communication Foundations 3 s.h.

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Prereq.: Qualified to take ENGL 1550.

CMST 2600 Communication Theory 3 s.h.

The study of significant theories of communication that reflect the diversity of communication studies and address different communication contexts: interpersonal, group, public, organizational, and mass.

Gen Ed: Social Science.

CMST 2610 Intercultural Communication 3 s.h.

The study of key historical and contemporary theories that affect communication across cultural boundaries. Exercises for improving communication skills in intercultural communication situations are included.

Gen Ed: Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

CMST 2630 Social Media Literacy 3 s.h.

Analyze and evaluate social media communication in its variety of forms. Includes message evaluation, digital media curating, ethics and privacy.

CMST 2645 Presentational Speaking 3 s.h.

In-depth examination of the theory and practice of preparing and delivering presentations in today's work environment. Emphasis on using technology aids during presentations.

Prereq.: CMST 1545 or equivalent.

CMST 2650 Rhetoric of Film 3 s.h.

Conceptual examination and critical analyses of film including mythic, feminism, Marxist, auteur, genre, and rhetorical perspectives.

Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

CMST 2655 Communication in Groups and Organizations 3 s.h.

Introduction to theories and concepts relating to group and organizational communication effectiveness with practical career applications.

CMST 2656 Interpersonal Communication 3 s.h.

An examination of the skills necessary to develop, maintain, and evaluate one-to-one relationships. Through practical experiences from everyday life, the class examines what occurs when one person communicates with another.

CMST 3700 Designing Communication Research 3 s.h.

A study of the processes involved in designing both qualitative and quantitative communication research projects. Communication research design and implementation.

Prereq.: 15 s.h. of Communication Studies including CMST 2600, and ENGL 1551.

CMST 3717 Intro to Media Relations Campaigns 3 s.h.

An experiential, service-learning course in designing and implementing Media Relations campaigns.

Prereq.: CMST 1545.

CMST 3740 Social Media Communication 3 s.h.

Examination of applications and strategies for communicating through social media, including managing personal and professional social media messages, social media content development, and dissemination.

Prereq.: CMST 2630.

CMST 3745 Individual Studies 1-3 s.h.

Student selects a special problem or issue in communication to research in detail under the direction of a faculty member, pending department committee approval. Repeatable to 6 hrs.

Prereq.: Junior standing.

CMST 3750 Gender Communication 3 s.h.

Principal concepts and issues of gender and communication as they apply to identity, and communication within and between the genders in a variety of contexts.

Prereq.: CMST 1545.

CMST 3754 Argumentation 3 s.h.

Developing critical thinking through systematic evaluation of theories, principles, and practices of argumentation.

Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 3756 Interviewing 3 s.h.

Theories of communication applied to interview situations with a special concern for developing student understanding of and skills needed to participate in one-to-one and panel interviews.

Prereq.: CMST 1545 and junior standing.

CMST 3757 Media Relations Writing 3 s.h.

A lecture-lab course in writing pamphlets, advertisements, newsletters, and websites for media relations campaigns.

Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

CMST 4850 Social Media Campaigns 3 s.h.

Integrated media campaign development using social media applications; theory and practice of social media campaign lifecycles including inception, implementation, and evaluation of client-based projects.

Prereq.: CMST 1545 and junior standing.

CMST 4851 New Communication Media 3 s.h.

New media histories, technologies, and cultures. Considers promising future forms, and includes issues of authorship, community, identity, interactivity, visuality, the nature and power of technology, intelligent systems, and artificial life.

Prereq.: CMST 2600 and junior standing.

CMST 4855 Interpersonal Communication Relationships 3 s.h.

Theories of relationship development, maintenance and termination. The impact of face-to-face and mediated communication on interpersonal relationships.

Prereq.: CMST 2600 and CMST 2656 and junior standing.

CMST 4859 Organizational Cultures 3 s.h.

Analysis of organizational cultures. Relationships between organizational culture and communication in modern organizations.

Prereq.: CMST 2655 or junior standing.

CMST 4896 Internship 3 s.h.

An application of communication theories and practice within organizational settings. Weekly meetings with faculty supervisor are required. Weekly field work is 15 hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 s.h.

Prereq.: CMST 2655, junior standing, major in Communication Studies, and approval of Internship Proposal form.

CMST 4898 Media Analysis 3 s.h.

Application of methods of analysis to describe and critique the content of various types of media, including new media, news media, and entertainment media. Emphasis on the relationship between media content, uses, and effects.

Prereq.: CMST 3700.

CMST 4899 Senior Project 3 s.h.

Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.

Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or 3799.

Gen Ed: Capstone.

CMST 5852 Conflict Management and Negotiation 3 s.h.

An in-depth analysis of the theories and variables influencing conflict management, resolution, and negotiation. Includes strategies and skills for mediation and arbitration.

Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 5860 Persuasion and New Media 3 s.h.

Introduction to persuasion theory and application of theory to new communication media.

Prereq.: CMST 2600 and CMST 3700 or graduate status.

CMST 5898 Seminar 3 s.h.

A cooperative exploration of topics in communication studies. May be repeated up to 6 s.h.

Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 6900 Introduction to Graduate Study 1 s.h.

Orientation to teaching, learning, and research in the communication discipline for new graduate students.

CMST 6945 Communication for the Classroom Teacher 3 s.h.

The study of communication theory and practice appropriate for the prospective classroom teacher. Theories and application exercises focus on interpersonal communication, group communication, and classroom speaking.

CMST 6950 Computer Mediated Communication Research 3 s.h.

Theory, research, and application of CMC including examination of computer communication theories and relevant research methodologies, web design theory and critiques, blogging, podcasting, e-mailing, social media, multimedia storytelling. Design, implementation, and evaluation of CMC.

CMST 6953 Group Dynamics: Theory and Research 3 s.h.

Theory and research of group processes, critical thinking and creativity strategies, theory of group leadership and teamwork, conflict management and mediation, advanced group decision-making and problem solving, motivational strategies.

CMST 6957 Organizational Communication Research 3 s.h.

Applies theories of organizational communication to a chosen organization. Culminates with report and presentation.

CMST 6970 Internship 3 s.h.

Communication-related work in a non-academic professional setting.

Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.

CMST 6980 Applied Research Methods 3 s.h.

Introduction to and application of qualitative research methods relevant to business communication settings.

CMST 6990 Measurement and Analysis 3 s.h.

Research processes using social scientific, quantitative methodologies and practical experience in conducting research. Essential skill development in research design, measurement, data collection and data analysis.

CMST 6991 Communication Problems: Independent Study 3 s.h.

Individual study and practical application of communication research principles to various organizational, group and mediated communication problems.

CMST 6994 Capstone 3 s.h.

Applied research paper on a communication topic. Oral presentation required. For non-thesis option students only. Thesis option students should take CMST 6995: Thesis.

Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.

CMST 6995 Thesis 1-6 s.h.

Research study on an applied communication topic. Oral presentation required. Total of 6 s.h. required for the MA thesis option. For thesis option students only. Non-thesis option students should take CMST 6994: Capstone.

Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.