

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Catalog Year: Fall 2024

School of
Communication & Journalism



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

NAME: _____

ENUMBER: _____

GENERAL EDUCATION

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G: Comp & Lang	3		
ENG 1002G: Comp & Lit	3		
CMN 1310G: Intro to Speech	3		

MATH: 3 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Course	Exempt?		Hours	Grade	Semester
	Yes	No			

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES: 9 HRS

Type	Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Fine Art				
Humanity				
Fine Art/ Humanity				

SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS: 7 HRS

Type	Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Bio Science				
Phys Science				
Lab				

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

SENIOR SEM: Requirement met by major capstone class

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION MAJOR (FA24)

CMN STUDIES CORE: 21 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
CMN 2010: Intro to CMN Theories	3		
CMN 2040: Argumentation & Critical Thinking	3		
CMN 3000: CMN Research Methods	3		
CMN 3100: Persuasion	3		
CMN 3220: Rhetoric of Race & Class	3		
CMN 3903: Rhetoric of Gender & Sexuality	3		
CMN 4680: Capstone in CMN Studies	3		

INTERPERSONAL CMN OPTION: 18 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
CMN 2630: Intro to Interpersonal CMN	3		
CMN 3470: Small Group CMN	3		
CMN 3640: Advanced Interpersonal CMN	3		
CMN 3660: CMN and Conflict Management	3		
CMN 3710: Intercultural CMN	3		
CMN 4765: CMN in Families	3		

INTERPERSONAL CMN ELECTIVES: 9 HRS

Students may select any CMN course other than CMN 1310G as an elective.

Elective Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Interpersonal Communication option provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate effective communication in personal, professional, and group contexts.

It focuses on examining the communicative interaction among individuals, with particular attention on communication's power to impact relational development and affect outcomes across a variety of settings. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking as a tool for improving everyday communication skills and the ways in which communication shapes social reality. Students can tailor the program to prepare themselves for work in multiple professional environments.

WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE?

Interpersonal Communication students graduate with the enduring knowledge and transferable skills necessary to be successful in the contemporary workplace. This opens the door to a wide variety of employment opportunities. Graduates find jobs in the private, government, and non-profit sectors.

Employers often seek out relational skills as an important part of the hiring process and our graduates leave Eastern prepared to manage complex and dynamic relationships. Graduates with this option are particularly well prepared to work with individuals and groups from varying backgrounds, with differing needs and interests, and where the goals of communication are to resolve problems or disputes.

RESOURCES

School of Communication & Journalism
www.eiu.edu/cmnpjou/

Communication Studies Homepage
www.eiu.edu/commstudies/

Department Honors
www.eiu.edu/commstudies/honors.php

Internship Information
www.eiu.edu/commstudies/internships.php

Accelerated Graduate Program
www.eiu.edu/commstudiesgrad/accelerated.php

Scholarship Information
www.eiu.edu/cmnpjou/scholarships.php

National Communication Association
www.natcom.org/

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN	
FALL	SPRING
ENG 1001G CMN 1310G BIO GEN ED ART/HUM GEN ED SOC/BEH GEN ED	ENG1002G MAT GEN ED PHYSICAL SCI GEN ED ART/HUM GEN ED CMN 2630
SOPHOMORE	
FALL	SPRING
CMN 2040 CMN 3470 SOC/BEH GEN ED ART/HUM GEN ED ELEC/MINOR	CMN 2010 CMN 3640 SOC/BEH GEN ED ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR
JUNIOR	
FALL	SPRING
CMN 3100 CMN 3220 CMN elective ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR	CMN 3000 CMN 3903 CMN 3710 CMN elective ELEC/MINOR
SENIOR	
FALL	SPRING
CMN 4765 CMN 3660 CMN elective ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR/INTERNSHIP	CMN 4680 ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR/INTERNSHIP