DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Minor in Communication Studies

About the minor:
The Communication Studies minor has been aptly described as "A Minor for All Majors." In today's dynamic and diverse professional landscape, strong communication skills are essential. This minor equips students with the tools to persuade, conduct interviews (and excel in being interviewed), mediate conflicts, and bridge cultural differences. It is designed to complement students' academic majors while supporting their professional and personal growth.

Minor requirements:
The Communication Studies minor requires 18 units (six courses) of HCOM coursework. Of these, at least 6 units must be upper-division courses at the 300-400 level.

Minor courses can be selected from the list below. Additionally, newly offered HCOM courses may also count toward the minor, even if they are not yet reflected in this list.

How to declare the minor:
Submit the online "Undergraduate Major & Minor Change Form" through the Office of the Registrar's website.

HCOM 100	Introduction to Human Communication	HCOM 334	Persuasive Speaking
HCOM 102	Public Speaking	HCOM 335	Advanced Argumentation
HCOM 108	Communicating for Professional Success	HCOM 337	Communication in the Legal Arena
HCOM 138	Forensics	HCOM 338	Intercollegiate Forensics
HCOM 220	Interpersonal Conflict Management	HCOM 342	America Speaks
HCOM 235	Essentials of Argumentation	HCOM 360	Nonverbal Communication
HCOM 300	Introduction to Research	HCOM 370	Sport Communication
HCOM 304	Introduction to Communication Theory	HCOM 413	Comm in Interpersonal Relationships
HCOM 305	Digital Media Literacy	HCOM 415	Artificial Intelligence and Communication
HCOM 307	Intro to Comm and Critical/Cultural Studies	HCOM 420	Communication Theory
HCOM 308	Quantitative Research Methods	HCOM 422	Applications of Intercultural Communication
HCOM 310	Sexual Communication	HCOM 425	Health Communication
HCOM 313	Interpersonal Communication Theory	HCOM 426	Directing Forensics
HCOM 315	Social Media and Communication	HCOM 428	Communication and the Art of Happiness
HCOM 318	Family Communication	HCOM 429	Interpersonal Health Communication
HCOM 320	Intercultural Communication	HCOM 432	Contemporary Rhetoric
HCOM 321	Latina/o Intercultural Communication	HCOM 433	Training and Development
HCOM 324	Communicating in Teams and Groups	HCOM 440	The Dark Side of Interpersonal Comm
HCOM 325	Interviewing: Principles and Practices	HCOM 445	Leadership: Toxic and Intoxicating
HCOM 326	Organizational Communication Dynamics	HCOM 456	Intercultural Conflict: Theory and Practice
HCOM 330	Rhetoric of Popular Culture	HCOM 469	Intergroup Communication
HCOM 331	Rhetorical Dimensions of Sex and Gender	HCOM 480	Comm Studies Capstone
HCOM 332	Processes of Social Influence	HCOM 492T	Proseminar (Variable Topics)
HCOM 333	Comm in Business and the Professions		

- Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult the catalog or class schedule for the most up-to-date prerequisite information.

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HCOM Courses that Double-Count with GE Requirements

Note: General Education (GE) course statuses are subject to change. Please check your TDA or the GE Approved Courses website for information specific to your catalog year.

Course	Fall 2025 and later catalog years	Summer 2025 and earlier catalog years
HCOM 100	GE 1.C	GE A.1
HCOM 102	GE 1.C	GE A.1
HCOM 235	GE 1.B	GE A.3
HCOM 305	N/A (not a GE course for Fall 2025 and later catalog years)	*Only if taken Fall 2017 or later:* GE E
HCOM 308	*Only if taken Fall 2020 or later:* GE 2.U	*Only if taken Fall 2020 or later:* GE B.5
HCOM 315	*Only if taken Spring 2021 or later:* GE 4.U + *Z	*Only if taken Spring 2021 or later:* GE D.3 + *Z (Fall 2021 – Summer 2025 catalog years) GE D.4 + *Z (Fall 2018 – Summer 2021 catalog years) GE D.5 + *Z (Summer 2018 – earlier catalog years)
HCOM 320	GE 4.U + *Z	GE D.3 + *Z (Fall 2021 – Summer 2025 catalog years) GE D.4 + *Z (Fall 2018 – Summer 2021 catalog years) GE D.5 + *Z (Summer 2018 – earlier catalog years)
HCOM 342	GE 4.U	GE D.3 (Fall 2021 – Summer 2025 catalog years) GE D.4 (Fall 2018 – Summer 2021 catalog years) GE D.5 (Summer 2018 – earlier catalog years)
HCOM 370	*Only if taken Spring 2021 or later:* GE 4.U	*Only if taken Spring 2021 or later:* GE D.3 (Fall 2021 – Summer 2025 catalog years) GE D.4 (Fall 2018 – Summer 2021 catalog years) GE D.5 (Summer 2018 – earlier catalog years)

Minor Advising and TDA Information

How the minor is displayed on your TDA:
After the minor is declared and added to your TDA, you may notice that the HCOM courses you have already taken are not automatically listed under the minor requirements. This is because the courses for the minor are considered "advisor-approved," even though you can select them from the pre-approved list of courses. To have your completed HCOM courses applied to the minor requirements on your TDA, an advisor will need to submit a "TDA exception form."

Updating your TDA with completed HCOM minor courses:
At the latest, a TDA exception form will be submitted to approve the 18 units of HCOM courses you have completed (or are currently enrolled in) at the time of your minor graduation review. At least 6 minor units must be 300-400 level.

If you would like to request an earlier update to your TDA to reflect the HCOM minor courses you have completed so far, please email the **College of Communications Student Success Center** at collcommadvising@fullerton.edu with your request. Be sure to include your CWID in the email.

Minor academic advising:
For guidance on minor course options and the HCOM curriculum, please contact **undergraduate faculty advisor Dr. Javette Hayes** at jhayes@fullerton.edu.

For academic advising questions related to course planning, overall degree requirements or to request course approvals for updating your TDA, please contact the **College of Communications Student Success Center** at communications.fullerton.edu/advising or via email at collcommadvising@fullerton.edu.

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