



WESTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION MAJOR

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FOR STUDENTS WITH A CATALOG YEAR BEGINNING FALL 2017

OVERVIEW

The Interpersonal Communication major is designed for students who want the knowledge and ability to work closely with people in interpersonal relationships and communication contexts. Depending upon your interests and additional majors or minors, you may choose from a wide range of career choices.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- * Communication Ethics
- * Gender Interaction
- * Health Communication
- * Persuasion
- * Nonverbal Communication
- * Family Communication
- * Interpersonal Communication
- * Communication Theory
- * Communication Research
- * Group Communication
- * Group Problem Solving
- * Conflict Resolution
- * Decision-making
- * Team Building
- * Negotiation Skills
- * Effective Listening
- * Motivating Others
- * Leadership
- * Public Speaking

ADMITTANCE

To be admitted to this major, you must have completed the required Pre-Communication courses with a C or better, have an overall GPA of 2.50 and have completed at least 30 hours at WMU (transfer students must complete at least 15 hours). To apply, visit us online at www.wmich.edu/communication. Click on Academics, then Undergraduate and select Interpersonal Communication.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE?

- * Sales Representative
- * Customer Service Agent
- * Health Care Coordinator
- * Benefits Coordinator
- * Negotiator
- * Claims Representative
- * Social Agency Administrator
- * Counselor
- * Real Estate Agent
- * Hospitality Manager
- * Intercultural Comm. Consultant
- * Recruiter
- * Human Resources Director
- * Non-profit Manager
- * Government Official

Please note: For students with a catalog year beginning Fall 2017

The following information is provided as a guide to your major curriculum. Students should review all requirements (major, minor, and general education) as specified in the catalog under which they enter (catalog.wmich.edu).

36 Hours – Non-teaching major

Pre-Communication Requirements (9 hours)		Credits
COM 1000:	Communication and Community Engagement	3
COM 1700:	Interpersonal Communication	3
COM 2000:	Human Communication Theory	3

Interpersonal Communication Core Requirements (9 hours)

COM 1040:	Public Speaking	3
COM 3000:	Communication Research Methods (<i>Prerequisite: C or better in COM 1000 & COM 2000</i>)	3
COM 4700:	Advanced Interpersonal Communication	3
<i>[Prerequisites: C or better in (COM 1000 or COM 1040) & COM 1700 & (COM 2010 or COM 3000)]</i>		3

Interpersonal Communication Electives (12 hours)

Select four of the following courses:

COM 2800:	Introduction to Organizational Communication (<i>Prerequisite: C or better in COM 1000 or COM 2000</i>)	3
**COM 3050:	Special Topics in Communication (Must be an Interpersonal Communication topic approved by the School of Comm. Advisor)	3
COM 3320:	Group Problem Solving Teamwork and Communication (<i>Prerequisites: C or better in either COM 1000 or COM 2000</i>)	3
COM 4300:	Persuasion and Social Influence	3
COM 4720:	Nonverbal Communication	3
COM 4740:	Intercultural Communication	3
*COM 4750:	Family Communication	3
COM 4770:	Communication Ethics	3
*COM 4790:	Gender and Communication	3
*COM 4840:	Health Communication	3

Communication Electives (6 hours)

Six (6) hours of electives in Communication, three (3) of which will be selected from upper-level (3000 or higher) courses in the School of Communication.

- Course prerequisites must be met to enroll in upper-level courses. A course and its prerequisite cannot be taken at the same time.
- Grade requirement: A minimum grade of C is required in all courses to be applied toward the major. The school prohibits students from taking a class more than twice for credit.
- * Baccalaureate-level writing requirement must be met by taking one of the courses marked with an asterisk.
- ** Students may take up to six (6) hours of COM 3050/COM 4800 provided the topics are different.
- Up to six (6) hours of COM 4990/3980 may be used as electives in the major.
- Courses outside the school may be used with written prior permission of the School of Communication faculty advisor.