



***Interpersonal & Small Group Communication***  
(Communication Studies General Concentration--COMS)  
***Fall 2004-Spring 2006 Catalog***  
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*Majors are required to compile and maintain an assessment portfolio, which must be submitted to the Department Office prior to graduation. Specific portfolio requirements vary by concentration or concentration option and are available in the Department Office or on the Department website ([www.asn.csus.edu/coms/students/Portfolios.htm](http://www.asn.csus.edu/coms/students/Portfolios.htm)).*

**Total Units Required: 39**

***Required Lower Division Core Courses (9 units)***

- (3) COMS 2      Argumentation
- (3) COMS 8      Interpersonal Communication Skills
- (3) COMS 55     Media Communication and Society

***Required Upper Division Core Courses (9 units)***

- (3) COMS 100A    Survey of Communication Studies
- (3) COMS 100B    Critical Analysis of Messages (COMS 2 and 4; ENGL 20; WPE passing score; COMS 100A may be taken concurrently)
- (3) COMS 100C    Introduction to Scientific Methods in Communication Research (COMS 100A may be taken concurrently)

***Option Core Requirements (6 units)***

- (3) COMS 105     Communication in Small Groups

Select **one** of the following:

- (3) COMS 143     Theories of Interpersonal Communication (COMS 8; COMS 100A -- may be taken concurrently)
- (3) COMS 163     Communication, Self and Society (COMS 8; COMS 100A -- may be taken concurrently)
- (3) COMS 182     Senior Seminar in Interpersonal Communication (COMS 8; 12 units of COMS upper division including 100A)

***Research Methods (3 units)***

Select **one** of the following:

- (3) COMS 168     Approaches to Rhetorical Criticism (COMS 100B)
- (3) COMS 169     Television Criticism (COMS 100B)
- (3) COMS 170     Data Analysis in Communication Research (COMS 100C)
- (3) COMS 171     Survey Methods in Communication Research (COMS 100C)
- (3) COMS 172     Content Analysis (COMS 100C)

***Electives (12 units)***

Upper division Communication Studies courses selected in consultation with your major advisor.

People interested in this area of Communication Studies often choose courses from the following electives:

- (3) COMS 108     Family Communication (COMS 8 or FACS 50 or SOC 166)
- (3) COMS 116     Intercultural Communication
- (3) COMS 119     Conflict Resolution Through Communication
- (3) COMS 162     Gender Ideology and Communication
- (3) COMS 166     Theories of Persuasion and Attitude Change
- (3) COMS 175     Creative Problem Solving
- (3) COMS 181     Senior Seminar in Small Group Communication (COMS 8; 12 units of COMS upper division including 100A)
- (3) COMS 143\*    Theories of Interpersonal Communication (COMS 8; COMS 100A -- may be taken concurrently)
- (3) COMS 163\*    Communication, Self and Society (COMS 8; COMS 100A -- may be taken concurrently)
- (3) COMS 182\*    Senior Seminar in Interpersonal Communication (COMS 8; 12 units of COMS upper division including 100A)
- (1-6) COMS 195    Internship in Communication Studies (COMS 100A)

\*Course may be used as an elective if not already used above in Area Requirements.

**NOTES: No more than 6 units of COMS 110, 111, 195 and/or 199 can be applied to the major requirements.  
You will need 40 units of upper division (numbers above 100 at CSUS) course work to graduate.**