



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2025-2026*

COMMUNICATION STUDIES MINOR

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Communication Studies minor provides students a well-rounded approach to understanding the role of communication in society and how to engage in effective communicative strategies in multiple social contexts. Good communication skills are essential in almost every industry today. In fact, employers identify the ability to verbally communicate with people inside and outside an organization and the ability to create and/or edit written documents among the top ten skills they seek when hiring new college graduates. Students in this minor will develop strong verbal, nonverbal, and written communication skills and cultivate the ability to speak well in front of small and large audiences.

TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR: 21 HRS

REQUIRED COURSEWORK: 12 HRS

CMN 2010 - Intro. to Communication Theories
CMN 2520 - Intro. to Mass Communication
CMN 2630 - Intro. to Interpersonal Communication
CMN 2650 - Intro. to Organizational Communication

ELECTIVES: 9 HRS

Nine hours of CMN courses that are numbered 3000 and above.

Note: Public Relations and Health Communication majors cannot count coursework they are taking to complete their majors (either required or elective courses) as elective coursework in the Communication Studies minor. Coursework required in the minor is allowed to overlap.

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*IMPORTANT: This Curriculum Guide applies to students whose Catalog Year is 2025-2026. Curriculum Guides for past years can be accessed on the department website. Please see your advisor if you are uncertain of your Catalog Year.

