

## 2008-2009 SPEECH COMMUNICATION MINOR

(Minimum of six course credits)

The purpose of the Speech Communication minor is to develop in the student the ability to be effective, thoughtful, and critical communicators and consumers of communication. Objectives include developing the student's:

1. capacities for critical thinking, reasoning, argumentation, and decision-making
2. skills in oral communication
3. abilities to construct and present effective arguments, interpretations, and critical assessments orally and in writing
4. abilities to understand and effectively engage in interpersonal, small group, and organizational communication contexts
5. understanding of various theories of communication and rhetoric from the Classical to contemporary age
6. abilities to be discriminating consumers of messages

The College also offers a major in Speech Communication. See the *College Catalog & Student Handbook* for more information.

### Requirements

The following three (3) course credits:

COM 100: <i>Introduction to Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 300: <i>Theories of Human Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 410: <i>Senior Seminar in Communication</i>	_____	1

### AND

Three (3) additional course credits, chosen from the following:

COM 101: <i>Interpersonal Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 102: <i>Intercultural Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 200: <i>Oral Interpretation</i>	_____	1
COM 201: <i>Argumentation &amp; Debate</i>	_____	1
COM 202: <i>Mass Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 203: <i>Persuasion</i>	_____	1
COM 301: <i>Small Group Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 302: <i>Organizational Communication</i>	_____	1
COM 186/286/386/486: <i>Special Topics</i>	_____	1/2 to 1

**Additional considerations for the minor**—Students also must satisfy departmental standards for effective oral and written communication.