COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This minor provides understanding and practice in the ways humans achieve their personal and career goals by means of communication. Students may choose any of the department's pathways of specialization, such as:

- Interpersonal,
- Family,
- Intercultural,
- Organizational,
- Legal,
- Political Communication and Presentation Skills,
- Communication and Technology,
- or Rhetoric.

For example, Legal Communication focuses on communication within the legal system, and provides students with the theory and skills to understand the uses, evaluation, and structure of public policy and legal disputes. Students learn how perception, meaning, and conflict function in human communication if they choose to specialize in Interpersonal Communication, while Organizational Communication critically examines leadership, decision-making, interviewing, and teamwork in formal organizations. In coordination with an advisor, a student of any major may tailor this minor to complement his or her educational and career goals by pursuing a particular pathway.

What is Communications Arts and Sciences?

In the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, you will find faculty committed to the art of communication, who improve society's understanding of communication through humanistic and social scientific research, and who are inspired by their role in helping students to be more effective in the personal, professional, and public roles their future has in store for them. CAS faculty and students are motivated by a shared interest in how communication facilitates human relations and makes a difference in our shared world. From a department that spans the humanities and social sciences, CAS majors learn to think critically, analyze public discourse, understand empirical studies that test communication theories, argue persuasively, influence people, form and maintain relationships, and participate in civic life.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to learn to communicate effectively, and to understand the influence a message may have on its audience.
- You are curious, analytical, inquisitive, and engaged.
- You want to learn the theories, methods, and practical tools to understand the roots of social conflict and to change them.
- You want to develop critical thinking skills and the ability to craft effective messages.

Program Requirements

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Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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Select 6 credits of Communication Arts and Sciences courses 6
Select 6 credits of Communication Arts and Sciences courses at the 400 level 6

Note: CAS 100, CAS 126, or CAS 195 may not be counted as part of the minor.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of-class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising
Career Paths

CAS students are change makers: analysts, strategists, persuaders, facilitators, collaborators, connectors, and scholars. The CAS minor serves as a valuable supplement to a wide array of majors, and helps to equip students for success in the work force, graduate school, and civic life. CAS courses provide students with the theories, methods, practical tools, and experiences to understand the roots of social conflict and the sources of well-being.

Careers

An undergraduate minor in CAS helps to prepare students for careers in academics, law, sales, corporate communication, health and human services, community activism, and digital technology. Students graduating from CAS studies may work as analysts, strategists, facilitators, collaborators, or negotiators.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

The CAS minor supplements a wide variety of major fields in its preparation of students for graduate study in communication science or rhetoric, as well as in law, public policy, behavioral science, health and human services, business, social work, and other related fields.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (http://cas.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/hiring-cas-majors)

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