

INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS, 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

With technology as its fundamental consideration, this minor will provide students with insight and aptitude for communication skills in the workplace with opportunities to specialize for their professional interests. With foundational courses in Information Science and Technology, students can enhance their understanding of various employment relationships and communication strategies. This minor is the fruition of collaboration among three distinct university academic departments.

What is Information Sciences and Technology in Communication Arts and Sciences and Labor and Employment Relations?

This minor examines the intersections among human communication, technology and information, and the work place. Using various forms of technology is ubiquitous in the professional settings, and human communication is at the center of most of this use of technology. The minor considers the evolving nature of the workplace and is designed to assist students in the development of their professional specialties by offering coursework in interrelated matters of effective communication, workplace relations, and information technology. In so doing, students will learn the theory and practice behind being effective communicators in the workplace and also gain skills in self-presentation in online contexts. Some topics covered in the minor include communication ethics, culture, group communication, law, workplace dispute or conflict, and fundamentals of human resources. Completing the minor requires that students take classes in Communication Arts and Sciences, Information Sciences and Technology, and Labor and Employment Relations. In general, this minor is designed to help students most effectively use technology for communication in, around, and about the workplace.

You Might Like This Program If...

You have an interest in human communication, technology, information sciences, or understanding the workplace. The minor includes applications for anyone who might find themselves in the workplace in the future. If you anticipate needing to present yourself using technology in or around a workplace, this minor might benefit your understanding of human communication and employee relations.

Program Requirements

| Requirement | Credits |
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| Requirements for the Minor | 18 |

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Prescribed Courses | | |
| <i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i> | | |
| CAS 283 | Communication and Information Technology I | 3 |
| Additional Courses | | |
| <i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i> | | |
| LER 100 or LER 136 | | 3 |
| Select two from the following: | | 6 |
| IST 110 | Information, People and Technology | |
| IST 210 | Organization of Data | |
| IST 220 | Networking and Telecommunications | |
| Supporting Courses and Related Areas | | |
| <i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i> | | |
| CAS and LER Coursework. Choose 6 credits from the following (one course must be at the 300-400 level): | | 6 |
| CAS 272N | Political Communication and Technology | |
| CAS 352 | Organizational Communication | |
| CAS 426W | Communication Ethics | |
| CAS 383 | | |
| CAS 450W | Group Communication Theory and Research | |
| CAS 483 | Communication and Information Technology II | |
| LER 201 | | |
| LER 202 | | |
| LER 305 | | |
| LER 437 | | |
| LER/OLEAD 464 | | |
| LER/OLEAD 465 | | |

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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising

814-865-2545

Use the Liberal Arts Majors and Minors web page (<https://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-students/education/majors-and-minors/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

Career Paths

Various positions within corporations, information technology specialists, corporate communication officers. Any position within a company or organization that intersects with information management or communication via technology.

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