Courses

CST 110 Cr.3
Communicating Effectively
This course introduces students to key communication concepts and skills that will encourage them to become more competent and culturally sensitive communicators. Students will develop speaking, relational and listening skills as they explore interpersonal, group/team and public communication topics. This course will help students become more effective and ethical communicators in a highly diverse society. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

CST 190 Cr.3
Introduction to Communication Studies
An introduction to the professional study of communication, including detailed exploration of factors involved in the communication process, effects of media on the communication process, and the importance of the communication process in interpersonal, small group, organizational, and intercultural contexts. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 210 Cr.3
Presentational Speaking
This course is designed to enhance students’ abilities in developing, delivering, and evaluating oral informative and persuasive presentations. In doing so, the focus of theoretical discussion and practical application will be on the use of audience analysis in adapting to presentational situations, source material in developing oral messages, effective organizational designs, oral rather than written language style, advanced presentational aids including media technology, enhanced vocal and physical presentational skills, and appropriate criteria for evaluation. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Fall.

CST 230 Cr.3
Interpersonal Communication
This course is an introduction to the concepts, theories and research in the field of interpersonal communication. Interpersonal communication impacts our relationships with family members, friends, romantic partners, and coworkers. Special consideration is given to verbal and nonverbal messages and the meaning and impact they have on our relationships and our personal identities (e.g., gender, culture, ability, race, socioeconomic background). Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 260 Cr.3
Professional Communication
This course focuses on developing communication skills and learning communication principles important to an organizational setting. Students will improve essential verbal and nonverbal communicative skills that are needed to succeed in their careers. While studying organizational processes, students will enhance their abilities to plan and deliver professional information and persuasive messages, while incorporating presentational technology. Students will also learn how to conduct effective training sessions. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Annually.

CST 270 Cr.3
Broadcast Announcing
An examination of broadcast communication principles and effective announcing techniques. Laboratory and broadcast experiences designed to cultivate announcing skills and to lead to the development of an effective on-air personality. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

CST 271 Cr.3
Media and Society
This course explores media and their economic, social, political, and cultural implications in individual and social life. Students will have the opportunity to engage with concepts and theories relating to media industries and production, media audiences, media effects on social and cultural change, social and cultural issues created or sustained by media, critical analysis of media messages, and issues relating to evolving media technologies. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 274 Cr.3
Television Production
Theory and practice of television including basic program types, equipment and staff organization, studio procedures, and production problems. Lect. 2, Studio 2. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 275 Cr.1-3
Applied Television
Practical experience in developing skills in television programming as staff members of WMCM-TV. Repeatable for elective credit - maximum three. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 280 Cr.3
Introduction to Communication and Leadership
This course is an introduction to the study, skill and practice of leadership from a communication perspective. Students will take a variety of surveys and instruments in order to understand their unique leadership style and characteristics. Planning and practicing leadership will involve developing leadership skills, creating a vision, setting organizational tone, listening to organizational members, and overcoming obstacles to effective leadership. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Annually.

CST 301 Cr.3
Theories of Communication
A survey of theories used in the field of communication studies. Consideration is given to theories that explain communication behavior in interpersonal, group, public, media, intercultural, and gendered contexts. The role of theory in research is examined through the development of a theory driven review and synthesis of communication literature. Prerequisite: CST 190; junior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 310 Cr.3
Debate
An introductory course covering the concepts, formats and strategies of debating. Emphasis is on the development of personal skills of argumentation. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Occasionally.
Prerequisite: CST 190 or permission of instructor. Offered Occasionally.

An in-depth exploration of the pervasive communicative phenomenon of deception and lying. This course explores the varieties of deceptive communication and their causes and consequences in a wide range of contexts, including romantic relationships, cyberspace, criminal justice, advertising, mass media, and politics. Particular attention will be given to opportunities and pitfalls in identifying potentially deceptive behavior. Prerequisite: CST 190 or permission of instructor. Offered Occasionally.

Communication Studies (CST) - Courses
CST 350 Cr.3  
Organizational Communication  
Analysis of traditional and contemporary theories of communication in the context of modern complex organizations. Emphasis is placed on how communication serves to create and recreate formal and informal organizational structures. Particular attention is paid to the theoretical approaches to organizational communication that can be used to describe, analyze, and offer solutions to organizational communication challenges. Prerequisite: CST 190; CST 260. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 351 Cr.3  
Interviewing: Principles and Processes  
This course is designed to enhance understanding of and participation in a range of interviews that occur in our society. Students will increase their proficiency by participating in interviews, both as interviewers and interviewees. Emphasis is placed on learning effective communication skills and practicing important communication principles inherent in the following forms of interviews: employment (including cover letters, resumes, and portfolios), performance reviews, information gathering and persuasive. Students will also learn how to critically examine interview behaviors. Prerequisite: CST 190 or CST 230 or CST 260; declared communication studies major or minor. Offered Fall.

CST 352 Cr.3  
Workplace Relationships  
This course is designed to enhance students’ understanding of the multiple workplace relationships employees may experience in their organization. Students are introduced to types and flows of workplace communication, the relationship of employees to their organization, dyadic workplace relationships, as well as functions and dysfunctions of workplace relationships. Particular emphasis is placed on understanding workplace relationships through experiential learning, engaging in case studies and reflections, and reading existing literature. Students leave the course with the ability to explain and navigate the development, maintenance, and dissolution of multiple workplace relationships. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Occasionally.

CST 354 Cr.3  
Health Communication  
This course provides students with basic knowledge and skills essential for communicating in the health and medical professions. Topics include the role of interpersonal, group, organizational, and intercultural communication in health care, ethical and legal aspects of health communication, and communication strategies for encouraging patient/client compliance and working with special needs patients. Prerequisite: CST 110. Offered Fall.

CST 355 Cr.3  
Diversity and Organizational Communication  
This course will explore how issues of diversity such as race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic background, age, religion and veteran status impact communication in modern organizations. As organizational life becomes increasingly complex, it is vital to understand how diversity affects relationships at work with superiors, subordinates, coworkers, and the organization’s customers or clients. Diversity will be treated not only as a potential site for communication challenges and misunderstandings, but also as an opportunity to enrich organizational culture, organizational decision making, and overall employee job satisfaction. Offered Occasionally.

CST 358 Cr.3  
New Media and Technologies in Modern Organizations  
This course will enhance students’ understanding of new and emerging information and communication technologies (ICTs) being used in modern organizational settings. Students will be introduced to a number of emerging ICTs and will learn to use them effectively, appropriately, and ethically within the context of a workplace environment. Particular emphasis is placed on professional communication as organizational members communicate and collaborate in the workplace. Through hands-on learning, students will develop necessary skills and theoretical perspectives for communicating in our modern organizations. Prerequisite: CST 260. Offered Annually.

CST 360 Cr.3  
Public Relations  
This course is an introduction to the field of public relations. The course will cover topics that include a history of the practice of public relations, the understanding of various publics and their needs, the importance of the management of public opinion, and the techniques and channels used to communicate messages and manage relationships with relevant publics. Students will actively engage in the practice of public relations through the application of principles essential to the field. Prerequisite: CST 190. Offered Occasionally.

CST 365 Cr.3  
Communication in Teams  
In this course, students will study group and team communication theories and processes by observing and participating in teams. As team members, students will apply communication theory to enhance their effectiveness as team members and leaders. Prerequisite: CST 110. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are enrolled in PSY 343. Offered Annually.

CST 370 Cr.3  
Broadcast Media Writing  
A laboratory course in the preparation and presentation of news and continuity programs for the electronic media. Consideration of and practice in writing interviews, documentaries, newscasts, commercials, public service announcements, and dramatic programs. Planning and preparation of special audio and visual materials. Prerequisite: ENG 110 or ENG 112. Offered Fall.

CST 372 Cr.3  
Audio Production  
Specialized work in news, public affairs, special events, programming, production, and operations on student radio station, RAQ Racquet Radio, or WLSU-FM. Students will work in the area of their choice, refining skills in practical daily radio station operation. Offered Occasionally.

CST 374 Cr.1-3  
Television Workshop  
Specialized work in television, emphasizing experience for students in the roles of producer, writer, and executive producer for WMCM-TV. Students gain experience in producing, writing, and reporting news stories, newscasts and news features. They produce and write scripts for sports features, promotions, as well as interview and talk programs that are broadcast on WMCM-TV. In the laboratory environment, assignments are directed toward providing students with the abilities needed in producing/writing for programs in a typical broadcast facility. Ethical considerations are emphasized in the editorial decision-making process. Lect. 1-3, Studio 2-6. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Offered Fall, Spring.
CST 376 Cr.3
Remote Video Operations
This course is an introduction to remote video production. It is designed to give the student a theoretical and practical background in on-location productions and basic computer editing techniques. Remote productions may consist of news packages, sports highlights, a mini-documentary, and on-location interviews. Offered Fall - Odd Numbered Years.

CST 378 Cr.3
Computer Mediated Communication
This course is an overview of computer-mediated communication (CMC) and new media technologies, exploring the characteristics of CMC and its technology together with its effects on the process and dynamics of human communication and society. The dynamics of CMC will be explored including its relationships to a variety of communication contexts, including interpersonal, organizational, small group, broadcasting, and public discourse. Students will engage in introductory hands-on Web production and CMC exercises and read critical essays about Internet culture and theories of CMC. Prerequisite: CST 190. Offered Annually.

CST 380 Cr.3
Communicating Leadership
An in-depth exploration of the communicative phenomenon of leadership. Theories and research methods used by noted communication and leadership scholars will be discussed and critiqued. Topics covered may include notions of leadership and organizations as places of leadership. Additional topics will focus on leaders as communicators, creators and sustainers of organizational culture, decision makers, change agents, and facilitators. Offered Annually.

CST 391 Cr.1-3
Practical Applications in Communication Studies
Provides opportunity for individual applied activities and projects that entail intensive use of developed communication skills and/or specialized knowledge based on communication coursework. Must be supervised by a CST faculty member. Registration requires approval from a CST faculty member willing to be the instructor of record. Students must complete coursework with the faculty member and ensure academic application to the experience. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: communication studies major or minor; completion of at least nine credits of communication studies courses above CST 110. Consent of instructor. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Annually.

CST 392 Cr.1-3
Public Speaking Center Practicum
This course is designed to offer training and supervision for Public Speaking Center peer consultants. The course will include an overview of research and theory on communication centers, a review of public speaking best practices, and examination of strategies for facilitating consultations with various client populations. Based on readings, classroom application exercises, and discussions, peer consultants will develop skills in facilitating one-on-one consultations, providing constructive criticism, and guiding student-speakers through meaningful revision. Students who repeat the course will engage more deeply with the content and be expected to take on leadership roles. To enroll, students must submit an application and complete an interview. Selection is competitive. See FAQs on the Public Speaking Center website. Prerequisite: CST 110. Consent of department. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 399 Cr.1-3
Independent Study in Communication Studies
Directed individual communication studies project under the supervision of a communication studies faculty member. May be a performance-oriented project or a research-based project to bring about a focused scholarly outcome. Project must include a final report as determined through consultation with supervising faculty. Project must be approved and supervised by a department faculty member and have prior consent of the executive committee of the department. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: communication studies major or minor; completion of at least 12 credits of communication studies courses above CST 110; junior standing. Consent of department. Offered Annually.

CST 410 Cr.3
Advocacy and Argumentation
Examines elements and strategies of argumentation. Focuses on evidence, reasoning, refutation, fallacies, strategies, and methods of argument analysis. Practice in individual and group argumentation, including parliamentary procedure. Prerequisite: junior standing. Offered Spring.

CST 412 Cr.3
Advocacy and Persuasion
Contemporary theory and research in persuasion. Includes focus on persuasive strategies, appeals, audience adaptation, and ethics across different communication contexts. Prerequisite: CST 190; junior standing. Offered Fall.

CST 413 Cr.3
Advocacy and Persuasive Campaigns
Contemporary theory and research in persuasion with a special focus on campaigns. Students will apply course material while organizing and implementing a persuasive campaign. This course examines the nature, role, and processes of communication campaigns and movements. Prerequisite: CST 190; junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

CST 415 Cr.3
Advanced Topics in Advocacy and Communication Criticism
Participants apply methods of communication criticism to significant examples of persuasive cultural discourse in order to identify and describe their persuasive strategies, explain why those strategies were used, and evaluate their effects, ethical acceptability, cultural impact and aesthetic value. Methods applied and types of persuasive cultural discourse analyzed vary depending on instructor’s and participants’ interests. Participants conduct research projects using selected qualitative critical methods and write critical research reports about specific examples of the type of persuasive cultural discourse selected. Prerequisite: CST 190; junior standing. Offered Fall - Odd Numbered Years.

CST 419 Cr.3
Communication, Media and Identity
Mass media frequently represents and perpetuate stereotypes of social groups. When we are isolated from groups different from ourselves, we tend to define these groups by how they are represented in mass media. To some extent, we also define ourselves in relation to mass media representations of groups with which we identify. Communication among individuals and social groups is influenced by mass media’s representations of social groups. This course facilitates critical examination of social stereotypes perpetuated by mass media and investigation of the effects of these stereotypes on communication in various social contexts. Prerequisite: CST 190. Offered Occasionally.
CST 430 Cr.3

**Advanced Topics in Interpersonal Communication**

An in-depth exploration of interpersonal communication theories and applications in particular relational contexts such as family, friendships, intimate relationships, and work relationships. Theories and research methods used by noted interpersonal communication scholars will be discussed and critiqued. Topics covered may include attraction, relationship development and dissolution, relationship maintenance, dysfunctional relationships, intimacy, and friendship. Prerequisite: CST 190, CST 230; at least one of the following 300 level courses: CST 330, CST 332, CST 333, CST 334, CST 336, CST 338 or CST 339; junior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 450 Cr.1-6

**Internship in Communication Studies**

The internship in communication studies is an academically relevant work experience focusing on career development through professional contexts. CST students pursue internships in CST-related fields. The number of credit hours earned depends on the number of hours worked throughout the duration of the internship. Internship credit is earned during the period the work is completed. The student is responsible for: securing an internship, identifying and working with a CST faculty supervisor to create an internship proposal and determine a final project, and completing required CST internship paperwork in order to gain departmental approval prior to registration. See the CST Department website for additional information about the approval and registration process. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: declared communication studies major; completion of 12 credits in communication studies, including CST 110, CST 190, and six other CST credits; junior standing. Consent of department. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Annually.

CST 452 Cr.3

**Contemporary Approaches to Organizational Communication**

This course is an investigation of contemporary theoretical approaches to understanding organizational communication. Particular attention is paid to how changes in our metaphorical understanding of organizations transform the nature of both communicating in organizations and the organizing process. The impact of new technologies on organizational communication is also considered. Students will learn how to use multiple perspectives to enhance their understanding of organizational communication. Prerequisite: CST 350. Offered Annually.

CST 460 Cr.3

**Plan/Implementing/Evaluation Public Relations Campaign**

This course examines the operation and management functions of the broadcast media. Special emphasis on the problematic situations confronted by managers of the various departments within the broadcast industry. Prerequisite: CST 190 or CST 275. Offered Spring.

CST 481 Cr.3

**Applied Leadership Experience**

The applied leadership experience course is a capstone to the leadership development minor and designed to guide students through a leadership immersion experience. As such, students are required to be the designated leader of a group, lead an implementation of a product, process, policy or procedure, or have an important role on a change-oriented/social justice group or team. Students will reflect on their leadership experiences in terms of course content covered in the core and emphasis area classes of the leadership development minor. Students who are eligible for this course will complete an application and description of their leadership immersion experience for approval and permission to enroll. Prerequisite: CST 280, CST 380. Consent of instructor. Offered Annually.

CST 491 Cr.3

**Special Topics in Communication Studies**

Study in a selected area of communication studies. Varying topics will be offered at intervals, with a specific title assigned to each. For current content and credit assignment, consult the instructor or department chair. Course prerequisites vary by topics. Repeatable for credit - maximum nine. Offered Occasionally.

CST 498 Cr.3

**Research Methods in Communication**

Examines research methods for answering communication research questions in all communication studies emphases. Investigates qualitative, quantitative, and critical approaches, as well as underlying assumptions of all communication research. Prerequisite: grade of "C" or better in CST 301; admission to the communication studies major; junior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

CST 499 Cr.3

**Senior Project in Communication Studies**

Students will conduct an individual investigation of a specific research question that results in a formal written research report. Some projects may involve a digital production or applied projects that also address an original question or problem and follow the research process. Required classroom attendance and regular consultation with their research adviser contribute to the success of the project, and final results are presented in a formal poster presentation. Prerequisite: grade of "C" or better in CST 498; senior standing; admission to the communication studies major. Offered Fall, Spring.