COMMUNICATION

COLLEGE : ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOOL : NONE
DEGREE : BACHELOR OF ARTS
OPTIONS/TRACKS : INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM, HONORS PROGRAM

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM : NO

CAMPUS(ES) WHERE OFFERED/CONTACT:
TAMPA only / Coordinator of Advising, Arts and Sciences, (813) 974-2503

- Program of Study at a Florida Community/Junior College or SUS School for Students Planning to Transfer to USF
(State Mandated Common Prerequisites)
A major in Communication requires a minimum of 36 credit hours from departmental offerings. A final grade of "D" within a departmental course will not be counted toward a Communication major. Courses may not be taken S/U where a grade option exists.

Students must complete SPC 2600, Public Speaking, before being admitted to the Communication major. A student can be admitted to the university without SPC 2600, but it must be completed as part of requirements for the major. A grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade. In addition, admittance to the major is limited to those students who have completed at least 30 hours of college level work and have achieved an overall grade point average in all college courses of 2.5 or above.

This course is a prerequisite for declaring the communication major.
SPC 2600 Public Speaking (3)

- Admission Requirements to the University Program of Study
Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university. This is a non-limited access program with the above courses recommended.

- Requirements for the Major in Communication
I. Core Distribution Requirements (12 hours)
Students must take each of these four courses as early as possible in the major. These courses are prerequisites for taking many of the more advanced courses in the respective areas.
COM 2000 Introduction to Communication (3)
ORI 2000 Introduction to Communication as Performance (3)
SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication (3)
SPC 2541 Persuasion (3)

II. Area of Concentration (9 hours)
Students must take a minimum of nine hours in one of the three areas of concentration.
Performance Communication
ORI 3850 ORI 4931 ORI 4120
ORI 4310 SPC 4201

Interpersonal and Organizational Communication
COM 3120 COM 3014 COM 4020
COM 4124 COM 4710 COM 4942
SPC 3212 SPC 3425 SPC 4305
SPC 4310 SPC 4431

Public and Cultural Communication
COM 4030 COM 4022 SPC 3230
SPC 3513 SPC 3631 SPC 3653
SPC 3680 SPC 3710 SPC 4683
SPC 4632 SPC 4680 SPC 4714

III. Departmental Electives (12) hours
Students must take twelve additional hours of elective coursework in the Department of Communication at the 3000-level or higher, which must include at least six hours from outside the student's "area of concentration.”

The following three classes count as electives outside the area of concentration for everyone (regardless of the concentration chosen):
COM 3122 Interview Communication
SPC 3601 Advanced Public Speaking
SPC 4930 Selected Topics Course (titles and topics vary each semester)

Communication Honors Program
The Honors Program in Communication provides an opportunity for exceptional undergraduate students in Communication to work closely with a faculty member in an intensive research experience. Each Honors student is required to complete and defend an undergraduate Honors Thesis. Application to the program ordinarily occurs during the second semester of the junior year or prior to completion of 90 semester hours. Admission to the program is based on the student's overall academic record, performance in communication courses, and recommendations of faculty. To be admitted to the program, a student should have at least a 3.5 GPA in all communication courses and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students are required to complete 3 hours of Honors Reading and 3 hours of Honors Thesis. Students interested in the Honors Program should consult the department for further information about admission and program requirements.