

B.A. COMMUNICATION STUDIES Health Communication Concentration

Health Communication is a 39 credit hour concentration in Communication Studies designed to examine the role of communication in the understanding, promotion, and maintenance of good health. Emphasis is placed on social construction of health, structural and social determinants of health, patient-provider communication, communication in healthcare organizations, interpersonal and family communication about health, mental health, gender, spirituality, disability, and aging. Students choosing this track are generally interested in careers in the healthcare field, including such positions as patients' advocates, public health information officers, medical office managers, and pharmaceutical sales.

Communication Studies Major Prerequisites (12 credit hours)

Course Prefix/Number	Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/ Notes
COMM 1101	Public Speaking	3	Requires grade of C or better
COMM 2100	Introduction to Communication Theory	3	Requires grade of C or better; Limited to 2 attempts
COMM 2104	Communication Studies Foundations	3	Requires grade of C or better
STAT 1222 or 1220 or 1221	Introduction to Statistics	3	Requires grade of C or better

Students who have met the requirements above and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA may begin taking core or upper division courses. These courses will only be open to students who have completed above prerequisites and have completed the formal declaration process

Communication Studies Major Core Requirements (9 credit hours)

For Communication Studies majors who have completed the above prerequisites

Course Prefix/Number	Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
COMM 2101	Introduction to Rhetorical Theory	3	Major prerequisites complete
COMM 3100	Communication Research Methods	3	Major prerequisites complete
COMM 3101	Persuasion	3	Major prerequisites complete

Health Communication Concentration Requirements (12 credit hours)

For Communication Studies majors who have completed the above prerequisites

Course Prefix/Number	Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
COMM 3115	Health Communication	3	
COMM 3051	Topics in Health Communication	3	COMM 3115
COMM 4115	Seminar in Health Communication	3	COMM 3115; Senior standing
COMM 4410	Professional Internship	3	COMM 3115

Elective Concentration Requirements (6 Credit hours)

Course Prefix/Number	Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/ Notes
2*** - 4***		3	Choose from list below
3*** - 4***		3	Choose from list below

Elective Concentration Course Options

Select from the following:

	Prerequisites/ Notes
<u>AFRS 2170 - Introduction to Health and Environmental Issues in the Africana World</u> (3)	
<u>AFRS 2172 - Black Sexuality and Health</u> (3)	
<u>AFRS 3250 - African Americans and Health Communication</u> (3)	
<u>AFRS 3261 - Psychology of the Black Experience</u> (3)	
<u>AFRS 4630 - Environmental and Public Health in Africa</u> (3)	
<u>AFRS 4652 - Race, Health, and the African Diaspora</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 3122 - Culture, Health, and Disease</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 3124 - Food, Nutrition, and Culture</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 2127 - Environmental Anthropology</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 2141 - Our Place in Nature: Introduction to Biological Anthropology</u> (4)	
<u>ANTH 3020 - Topics in Cultural Anthropology</u> (3)	<u>ANTH 1501</u>
<u>ANTH 3090 - Topics in Anthropology</u> (1 to 3)	<u>ANTH 1501</u> or permission of instructor
<u>ANTH 3125 - Food and Globalization</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 3143 - Race and Anthropology</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 3145 - Anthropological Genetics</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 3222 - Culture, Health, and Disease</u> (3)	
<u>ANTH 4020 - Topics in Cultural Anthropology</u> (3)	<u>ANTH 1501</u>
<u>ANTH 4090 - Topics in Anthropology</u> (1 to 3)	<u>ANTH 1501</u> or permission of instructor.

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<u>CJUS 3366 - Domestic Violence</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4340 - Seminar on Sexual Assault</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4350 - Victims and the Criminal Justice System</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4351 - Violence and the Violent Offender</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4360 - Drugs, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4363 - Gender, Race, and Justice</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>CJUS 4372 - Drug Analytics</u> (3)	Criminal Justice major or minor; and Junior or Senior standing.
<u>COMM 3051 - Topics in Health Communication</u> (3)	<u>COMM 3115</u> or <u>AFRS 2170</u>
<u>COMM 4410 - Professional Internship</u> (3 or 6) *	Junior or Senior standing, Communication Studies major/minor or Journalism minor, and 2.0 GPA in all coursework in the major or minor.
<u>EXER 3260 - Nutrition for the Physically Active</u> (3)	Exercise Science major
<u>GRNT 3115 - Health and the Aging Process</u> (3)	
<u>HLTH 3115 - Health and the Aging Process</u> (3)	
<u>GRNT 3125 - Older Worker and Retirement</u> (3)	
<u>SOCY 3125 - Older Worker and Retirement</u> (3)	
<u>GRNT 3267 - Sociology of Dying, Death, and Bereavement</u> (3)	
<u>SOCY 3267 - Sociology of Dying, Death, and Bereavement</u> (3)	
<u>GRNT 4260 - Women: Middle Age and Beyond</u> (3)	
<u>HLTH 4260 - Women: Middle Age and Beyond</u> (3)	
<u>WGST 4260 - Women: Middle Age and Beyond</u> (3)	
<u>HHUM 3020 - Topics in Health & Medical Humanities</u> (3)	Interdisciplinary Studies major concentrating in Health & Medical Humanities or Health & Medical Humanities minor; <u>HHUM 2100</u>

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HHUM 3030 - Health & Medical Humanities Study Abroad (3)	Interdisciplinary Studies major concentrating in Health & Medical Humanities or Health & Medical Humanities minor; HHUM 2100
HIST 2140 - Disease and Medicine in History (3)	
HIST 2170 - Latino/as in the United States, 1846 to Present (3)	
HIST 3155 - Health and Healing in Africa (3)	
AFRS 3155 - Health and Healing in Africa (3)	
HLTH 2101 - Healthy Lifestyles (3)	
NURS 4000 - Topics in Nursing (1 to 3)	Permission of instructor
PHIL 2220 - Healthcare Ethics (3)	
PHIL 3273 - Philosophy and the Body (3)	
PSYC 2130 - Introduction to Social Psychology (3)	PSYC 1101 with grade of C or above.
PSYC 2160 - Introduction to Health Psychology (3)	PSYC 1101 with grade of C or above.
RELS 3300 - Religion and Healing (3)	
SOCY 2169 - Sociology of Health and Illness (3)	SOCY 1101 , SOCY 1501 , or SOCY 1511
SOCY 4168 - Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (3)	SOCY 1101 and SOCY 2169 , or permission of instructor.
SPAN 3222 - Spanish for Medical and Healthcare (3)	SPAN 3201 , SPAN 3202 , SPAN 3203 , or permission from the department
SPAN 4050 - Selected Topics in Spanish (1 to 3)	Two SPAN 3000-level courses or permission from the department.