



Exploring the World of Interpersonal Communication

- ♦ What are the most effective strategies for face-to-face and small group communication?
- ♦ How do you interpret the nonverbal behaviors you see and hear during the act of communication?
- ♦ How do you help a couple who can't listen to one another come to interact more effectively?
- ♦ How do families utilize storytelling as a way to establish and reinforce family identity and culture?

Examine the answers to these questions and more with a Major in Interpersonal Communication.

Whether you are concerned about personal communication with friends and loved ones or interpersonal communication in a business setting, interpersonal communication is an excellent major for students interested in understanding and improving their interpersonal communication skills and knowledge.

Students can study communication in families, personal relationships, and across the life span. Not all interpersonal communication is done in traditional face-to-face settings. Students also have the opportunity to learn about the role of the Internet, social networking sites, text messaging, and other new media forms in the interpersonal communication process.

This is an excellent major for students interested in sales, human resources, counseling, or teaching.



Founded in 1910, today Kent State University's eight-campus system is among the largest regional systems in the country. Kent State is also recognized internationally as one of the premiere Ohio universities.

Kent State is ranked among the nation's 77 public research universities demonstrating high-research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Times Higher Education, ranked Kent State as one of the top 200 universities in the world in for two consecutive years in 2010 and 2011.

Kent State was also noted in the first-tier list of Best National Universities in the 2012 edition of Best Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, and was recently ranked among the top 500 universities according to the 2011 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Major in INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION at Kent State University



Flexible and Adaptable Degree to Fit Your Interests Available through the School of Communication Studies



Communication Studies also offers a minor in interpersonal communication as well as majors and minors in several other areas of concentration, including applied communication, global communication, health communication, public communication, and organizational communication.

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Interpersonal Communication Major

The Interpersonal Communication Major is a 121-credit program with a minimum 2.25 GPA required in the major and a 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.

Degree Requirements

Comm. Studies and Concentration Core

- 15000 **Intro. to Human Communication**
- 20000 **Foundations of Communication**
- 25902 **Communication Theory**
- 30000 **Communication Research Methods**
- 20001 **Interpersonal Communication**
- 40001 **Advanced Interpersonal Comm.**
- 46091 **Senior Seminar**

Complete these Courses Across CCI

- 14001 **Visual Design Literacy**
- 20001 **Media, Power and Culture *OR***
- 20003 **Introduction to Mass Comm.**
- 30010 **Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond**

Complete One Comm. Diversity Course

- 26000 **Criticism of Public Discourse**
- 35852 **Intercultural Communication**
- 35912 **Gender and Communication**

Complete Any 12 Credits of Communication Electives in addition to three courses selected from the box to the right.

Complete Any Three of the Following Courses Listed Below

35600 Comm. in Small Groups & Teams

Focuses on the application and practice of group communication skills and techniques applied to goal-oriented small group situations. Subtopics include relating in groups and teams, managing conflict in groups and teams, leadership in groups and teams, and problem-solving in groups and teams.

36505 Communication, Aging, & Culture

Examination of the roles of aging and culture on human communication. Subtopics include cultural orientations, linguistics, stereotypes and aging, intergenerational relationships, and communication across cultures.

45957 Language, Meaning, & Cognition

Overview of language use in social contexts, including basic components of language production, semantics, pragmatics, the production and comprehension of sentences, message production, message comprehension, language and society, and differences in language use.



45959 Nonverbal Communication

Survey of theory and research in nonverbal codes of communication through readings, field study, and classroom interaction.

46601 Relational Communication

Provides an exploration of theory and research about the interactions among individuals in relationships. Subtopics of the course include communication and the development, maintenance, and dissolution of personal relationships, individual differences in relationships, and relational processes, qualities, and outcomes.

46605 Comm. Across the Life Span

Explores common life stages and the transition of communication within and between these different stages of development. Subtopics of the course include life-span communication as well as family, friendships, social and gender role development, interpersonal conflict management, and the use of varied communication technologies.

46608 Family Communication

Examines interactions among individuals in families. Subtopics of the course include family communication and storytelling, identity, roles, rules, conflict, intimacy, stress, external influences, and the media.

Why Study Interpersonal Communication?

Interpersonal Communication is one of the longest standing concentrations in the School of Communication Studies. For more than 20 years, the program has attracted students choosing to study interpersonal dynamics.

Regardless of the career, a valuable skill is the ability to listen and communicate effectively with others. Interpersonal communication majors will develop refined abilities to assess verbal and nonverbal messages, evaluate intended and unintended effects of messages, interpret diverse meaning, and produce culturally sensitive messages. Interpersonal Communication majors also will develop an enhanced capability to make use of new communication technologies available for interaction.

The most recent job outlook statistics from the National Association for Colleges and Employers rank effective communication skills as the most important job characteristic employers consider when making hiring decisions, ranking above even technical skills.

Greater competence and training in Interpersonal Communication prepare students to work more effectively in a wide range of situations and to meet industry demands with communication theory and research.

Learn more about the Communication Studies faculty, student organizations, and other major and minor degree programs available through the School of Communication Studies at:
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