



## Exploring the World of Public Communication

The Public Communication minor offers training and expertise to prepare students for careers in a wide variety of public communication professions.

Coursework introduces students to theory and practice related to public discourse, persuasive communication, in-depth analysis of media processes, uses, and effects. These include the impact of violence and sex in the media, how persuasive messages in the media influence audiences, and the impact of the media on the political process.

Coursework also addresses communication tactics used by individuals, organizations, and government to reach and influence the public.

## The Public Communication Minor Prepares Students for a Wide Number of Careers:

- Social media management
- Advertising
- Community outreach
- Law school and legal careers
- Lobbying organizations
- Marketing and audience research
- Media campaign development
- Media consulting
- Media relations and promotion
- Motivational speaking
- Political consulting
- Public affairs
- Public information
- Public relations
- Speech writing
- Strategic message design
- Corporate communication



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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.

## Minor in PUBLIC COMMUNICATION at Kent State University



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

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## 18-Credit Minor Flexible and Adaptable Available through the School of Communication Studies



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# Public Communication Minor

## Degree Requirements and Course Descriptions

The Public Communication Minor is an 18-credit program with a minimum 2.25 GPA required in the minor for graduation.

### Why Study Public Communication?

Public communication is an essential part of everyday life and business interaction. More than ever, traditional and new forms of media are being used by individuals, groups, and organizations to disseminate information to the public, and influence judgments, perceptions, values, and actions.

An understanding of media use, processes and effects is critical for success in a competitive marketplace. As such, a degree in public communication prepares students to enter a large number of careers, including marketing, advertising and other strategic communication professions, legal and political fields, as well as new and emerging fields in social media management and promotion.

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 Public Communication prepares students to work more effectively in a wide range of situations and to meet industry demands with communication theory and research.

### Complete Any Three of the Following Courses Listed Below

#### Complete the Following Three Core Courses

##### 15000 **Intro. to Human Communication**

An inquiry into the nature and function of human communication in interpersonal, group, and public contexts. This course may be used to satisfy the liberal education requirements (LER).

##### 25902 **Communication Theory**

Study of the process of human communication. Emphasis on source, message, channel, and receiver dimensions of communication. Examination of major theories of communication and social influence.

##### 26001 **Public Communication in Society**

Examines communication in public settings. Content includes issues in mass media, political communication and political advertising, news, crisis communication, public opinion, and communication in executive, legislative and judicial settings. Students explore the influence of mediated messages via application of mass communication theories and constructs.

##### 45006 **Media Use and Effects**

Examines the ways in which communication scholars have conceptualized and analyzed media processes, uses and effects. Issues explored include media portrayals, news coverage, political campaigns, sex and violence in the media, media entertainment, children and television and newer communication technologies.

##### 45007 **Freedom of Speech**

Examines historic and contemporary instances relating to freedom of speech covering study of limits, rights, responsibilities and socio-legal-rhetorical issues.

##### 45902 **Communication and Influence**

Explores theories and strategies of social influence in contemporary society. Students discuss and critique influential communication practices such as persuasion, product and services advertisements, social movements, and political messages. Course addresses global perspectives on persuasion.

##### 41000 **Sports Communication**

Examines the inter-relationship between sports and communication in today's society. Students discuss and examine sports through communication lenses (groups, interpersonal, media/mediated, and organizational).

##### 42000 **Media, War, and Propaganda**

Examines the influence of TV, movies, and media images of war and the war effort; portrayals of enemies, protesters and anti-war groups; and communication research of related topics including mass communication and persuasion.

##### 43000 **Communication Technologies and Human Interaction**

Develops a critical understanding of diverse newer media and their use and effect human interaction. Students learn how newer media are different from and similar to face-to-face communication or traditional mass media, newer media's social and psychological effects on human interactions, and theoretical frameworks explaining these media.

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