

Department of Communication

University of Missouri

The Department of Communication offers the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts, and the graduate Masters of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Communication. Through our curriculum students learn to apply the study of communication to their professional and personal lives. The curriculum focuses on four main areas: interpersonal, mass media, organizational, and political communication. The faculty have national and international reputations for research and teaching in these areas. The faculty have won prestigious awards for their excellence in teaching and advising both undergraduate and graduate students, including three William T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence and a Provost Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. Our program has consistently been ranked among the top programs in the nation. An article published in 2007 in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* rated our department as a Top Ten Program in the United States based on the research productivity of our faculty. Another article published in *Communication Reports* in 2007 ranked our program 16th in the nation among Ph.D. programs. In November of 2009, the faculty moved out of Switzler Hall to allow a complete overhaul of the building. From top to bottom, wall to wall, Switzler underwent a major renovation. Four large classrooms were added to the south side of the building, one per floor. In the summer of 2011, we moved back to Switzler Hall and we could not be more pleased with our new home. We not only have wonderful new office space, but we also have a new research facility and meeting space for conferences and seminars. The graduate students are housed in the "garden level" in a very uniquely designed thread of interconnecting rooms, each with garden level windows. The entire building was designed with energy efficiency and good stewardship in mind.

Sample Program of Study Emphasis in Organizational Communication 48 hours

Area of Emphasis (15-18 hours)

- 8410 Seminar in Organizational Communication
- 8420 Seminar in Small Group Communication
- 9430 Topics in Organizational Communication
 (Topics vary and course may be repeated.)
 - Topic 1: Socialization in organizations
 - Topic 2: Power in organizations
 - Topic 3: Identity in organizations
- 9170 Research Practicum

Required Core Courses (15 hours)

- 8110 Introduction to Graduate Study
 in Communication
- 8120 Seminar in Quantitative Methods
 in Communication
- 9280 Seminar in Communication Theory

Possible Collateral Areas (6 hours)

- Management
 - 8310 Advanced Human Resource Management
 - 7380 Seminar in Behavior Management

8340 Seminar in Theory and Design

Sociology

- 7387 Seminar in Sociology of Work
- 7487 Seminar in Sociology of Organizations

Public Administration

- 8520 Human Resources Management and
 Development
- 8620 Organizational Analysis and Change

Additional Methods Courses (12 hours)

- 8130 Seminar in Qualitative Method
 in Communication
- 8140 Content Analysis
- 8150 Seminar in Television and Film Criticism
- 8160 Rhetorical Criticism
- ESC_PS 8610 - Quantitative Methods
 in Educational Research I
- ESC_PS 8620 - Quantitative Methods
 in Educational Research II
- ESC 8630 - Qualitative Research in Education I

Communication Electives (3-6 hours)

- 7412 Gender, Language and Communication
- 8310 Seminar in Interpersonal Communication