

COMMUNICATION (COMM)

COMM 237 - ORAL COMMUNICATION IN PRACTICE AND THEORY

Short Title: THEORIES OF ORAL COMMUNICATION

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level

Description: This class will aim to provide students with both a practical and theoretical framework for improving their oral presentation skills while fostering a level of self-awareness regarding the social constructions governing traditional "best practices."

COMM 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Independent Study, Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Lecture/Laboratory

Credit Hours: 1-4

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level

Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

COMM 239 - A QUESTION OF STYLE, RHETORIC AND POPULAR WRITING

Short Title: RHETORIC AND POPULAR WRITING

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level

Description: This course examines the rhetoric of popular writing in outlets such as National Geographic and Sports Illustrated. Through critical reading and writing workshops, students will acquire a nuanced understanding of available stylistic choices as they build the skills they need to develop their own voice with clarity, confidence, and style.

COMM 300 - COMMUNICATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Short Title: COMMUNICATION IN DIGITAL AGE

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: Students will develop writing skills by maintaining a blog, generating Webpage content, and using social media. We will also produce video and audio content while remaining aware of how the form of the work impacts its content.

COMM 415 - MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

Short Title: MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior or Senior. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: This course introduces students to key issues, theories, and debates related to medical communication, while also helping students develop and reflect on their own communication strategies, and skills as future health care professionals. Sophomores and Freshmen who have fulfilled Rice's First-year Writing-Intensive Seminar requirement for graduation may register by a Special Registration Form. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Successfully completed one course, FWIS 101 to 199, to fulfill the Rice's First-year Writing-Intensive Seminar requirement for graduation.

COMM 600 - INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC READING AND WRITING FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Short Title: ACADEMIC READING AND WRITING

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 2

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This course teaches fundamental academic reading and writing skills to international graduate students in the first two years of their studies. Students will learn how scholars construct arguments and use evidence to support claims, and they will practice writing texts that are relevant to their own courses and careers.

COMM 601 - ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Short Title: ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 2

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This course provides students with strategies to improve oral communication skills necessary for academic and professional success in North American contexts. Students will learn how to overcome common and individual challenges related to pronunciation clarity, small group interactions, and formal presentations. Final projects will be related to students' studies or research. Repeatable for Credit.

COMM 602 - ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Short Title: ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 2

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This course addresses writing at both the macro- and micro-level, engaging students in such academic writing tasks as critiquing, reporting, and interpreting research findings, illustrating and justifying the significance of research, while also attending to mechanical topics. Writing assignments in the course will be linked to students' studies, courses, or research. One-on-one conferences with instructors will be required.

COMM 605 - ADVANCED ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Short Title: ADVANCED ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Independent Study

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This independent study course may be taken on its own or in conjunction with one of the other credit-bearing English communication courses. Students will work on a particular communication skill (reading, writing, speaking, listening) or combination of skills under the guidance of an ESL expert. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

COMM 677 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS

Department: Program Writing Communication

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar, Independent Study, Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Lecture/Laboratory

Credit Hours: 1-4

Course Level: Graduate

Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.