

Communication Studies (CMST)

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CMST 1111. Communication and Public Life. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will introduce students to the interrelationships between communication and public life, including the engagements that take place in social institutions, politics, the professions and the arts. It will look at the basic literature on the concept of civil society. Finally, it will introduce students to the issues to be discussed in the four tracks that make up Communication Studies: Policy, Regulation and Advocacy; Contemporary Media Environments; Global Civil Society; and Arts in the Public Sphere.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

CMST 2111. Communications Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will introduce a case study analysis of a contemporary public issue in communication. Students will examine the selected issue from the range of disciplinary approaches and methodologies introduced in the Communication Studies foundation courses: Communication Studies 1111 (Communication and Public Life) and MSP 1021 (Media and Society). They will discuss how disciplinary approaches and methodologies can condition conclusions, and consider the options available to them in interdisciplinary study. In the process, students will also focus on professional and academic preparation skills that will equip them to approach their futures.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C in (MSP 1021, BTMM 1021, or 'Y' in CRMS01) and (CMST 1111 or 'Y' in CRCM01)

CMST 3082. Independent Study in Communication Studies. 1 to 4 Credit Hour.

This course is offered to students as an independent study in an area of study that is not otherwise offered within the Communication Studies major. The study and results of the study will be completed under the supervision of a faculty member; approval required from the CMST director.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CMST 3185. Communication Studies Internship. 1 to 4 Credit Hour.

Students will arrange for an internship in an appropriate area of Communication Studies. Students must fill out all paperwork in the Communication Studies Manual, particularly areas related to internship supervisor's documentation. Additionally, students must meet with the Communication Studies director during pre-registration meetings. Students will complete a total of 15 short paper responses, 2 evaluations, and 1 final review paper. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and director's permission to take part in an internship.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in CMST 2111 (may be taken concurrently)

CMST 4091. Directed Research in Communication Studies. 1 to 4 Credit Hour.

The supervised research course involves collaboration on a research project with a faculty member; approval by the director of CMST is required. This course provides students with a chance to apply their learning by engaging in analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CMST 4300. Special Topics in Communication Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Subject matter not covered by regular departmental course offering. Topics announced in advance. This course may be repeated for additional credits.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CMST 4628. Empowerment of the LGBTQ+ Community through the NYC Pride March: Exploration of a Social Movement. 3 Credit Hours.

Students will learn about the importance of the history, mediated depiction, and impact of Pride within NYC and across the world, and they will discuss the function of Pride as a social movement. As part of the course, and aligned with the current year's event, students will be involved in the preparations to take part in the Pride March, where they will be trained and help to administer and oversee operations of the Pride March, and they can take part in additional Pride events. Guest speakers from Heritage of Pride, the organization that runs NYC Pride, as well as other Pride associates will be included in this course.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.