

# Minor In Communication

## Degree Requirements

If a minor is required in your degree program, at least 9 (lower and/or upper-division) hours of courses in the minor must be completed at the University.

### Requirements For A Minor In Communication

Minors in Communication must complete a total of 18 hours in communication including 9 upper division hours.

Minor in Communication	Credit Hours
Students may elect to focus on a communication track as listed below, but no course except CA 110 will be considered as required:	18
Communication Studies: CA 100, CA 200, CA 300, Choose 1: CA 210, CA 211, CA 222, CA 230, CA 275, Choose 1: CA 310, CA 315, CA 330-W, CA 410, CA 411, CA 422, CA 424-W, CA 430, CA 453, CA 475	
Media Studies: CA 101, Choose 4: CA 220-W, CA 241, CA 281, CA 320, CA 340, CA 341, CA 350, CA 353, CA 356, CA 357, CA 370, CA 387, CA 440, CA 445, CA 482	
Strategic Communication: CA 101, CA 224, Choose 3: CA 322, CA 323, CA 325, CA 326, CA 340, CA 354, CA 371, CA 383, CA 384, CA 440, CA 453, CA 455, CA 456, CA 470, CA 471, CA 474, CA 485, CA 496	
Visual Communication: CA 101, CA 224, CA 271, CA 371, CA 471	

## Department Information

Department of Communication website

<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/communication/index.html>

The purpose of the Department of Communication is to provide students with core competencies, within the context of a broad liberal arts and sciences curriculum, which will prepare them to be independent, critical thinkers who uphold the highest ethical standards as communication leaders in a global society.

Given this purpose, the Department attempts to meet individual performance and career needs with a flexible curriculum. Students select one of the concentrations offered and confer with their advisors to plan their courses of study. These focused areas of study help prepare students for a variety of careers in the communication field.

The concentrations of study offered in Communication are: Communication Studies, Digital Cinema and Television, Journalism (Multimedia Journalism and Broadcast Journalism), and Strategic Communication. Students pursuing a degree in Communication must also have a minor in another discipline.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry.

### Honors In Communication

The Communication Departmental Honors program offers undergraduate students an opportunity to prepare for a graduate program or professional career. Students in this program will use their communication skills to develop a formal research project.

To be awarded Departmental honors in communication, students must:

1. Complete the standard requirements for the major in communication.
2. Have an overall institutional GPA of 3.5 or higher (University requirement).

3. Have a minimum 3.5 GPA in all communication courses (Department requirement).
4. Complete a communication research methods course (CA 300, mass communication concentrations or CA 424, communication studies concentration) with an earned grade of "B" or higher. This course may be counted toward the communication degree and toward 3 hours of upper division credit.
5. Complete a minimum of 3 credit hours, and no more than 6 credit hours in the Senior Honors Project, CA 499. Students receiving honors in communication will be required to take a minimum of 48 hours in communication (including CA 110, Public Speaking).
6. Successfully defend the final research project during an oral presentation to a faculty committee. It is recommended that the student present a summary of the project during the Department's colloquium series and/or another appropriate public forum.

Application procedure - Students must:

1. Have earned an overall institutional GPA of 3.5 or higher and a minimum 3.5 GPA in all communication courses.
2. Apply by April 1 of their junior year.
3. Receive agreement of a tenure-track faculty member of the Department of Communication to serve as mentor, and obtain a letter of recommendation from that faculty member.
4. Receive permission of the Department Chair.