

Interdisciplinary Major

Health Communication (B.S.)

Interdisciplinary Major of the Communication Studies and Health Promotion Departments

Admission Requirements for the Health Communication Major

All students wishing to declare a major of Health Communication must request admission to the major. EIU's admission requirements will serve as requirements to become a Health Communication major.

After completing 15 cumulative semester hours, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Students who fall below this requirement will be placed on probationary status for the next term in which they are actively enrolled at the University. If their cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 at the close of the probationary term, they will be removed from the major. Students who have been removed from the major have the option of applying for admission to the major again in the future once they are able to meet all admission requirements.

Total Semester Hours required for the Degree: 120 semester hours

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All Health Promotion classes are approved for online delivery. Select Communication Studies classes are approved for online delivery.

Requirements

A grade of C or better is required in all Communication Studies, Health Communication, and Health Promotion courses counting toward the major.

Students must enroll in a minimum total of 8 semester hours of internship.

Major GPA based on all Communication Studies/Health Promotion courses taken at EIU. The minimum GPA required for graduation is 2.0.

Required Courses: Total 47 semester hours of core

- HST 2800 - Health Education Research Methods I. Credits: 3
Or
- CMN 3000 - Communication Research Methods. Credits: 3
(Online)
- CMN 2040 - Argumentation and Critical Thinking. Credits: 3
(Online)
- CMN 2630 - Introduction to Interpersonal Communication. Credits: 3
(Online)
- CMN 3100 - Persuasion. Credits: 3
(Online)
- CMN 3710 - Intercultural Communication. Credits: 3
(Online)
- CMN 42751 - Internship I. Credits: 1 to 12
(See Footnote *)
- HST 42751-42759 - Internship. Credits: 1 to 9
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- HCM 2910 - Introduction to Health Communication. Credits: 3
- HCM 3910 - Communication in Health Professions. Credits: 3
- HCM 4910 - Applied Health Communication. Credits: 3
- HCM 4950 [A, B, D] - Special Topics in Health Communication. Credits: 3
- HST 2270 - Community Health. Credits: 3
- HST 2700 - Marketing Concepts for Health Promotion Professionals. Credits: 3
- HST 3700 - Community Health Behavior Methods. Credits: 3
- HST 3750 - Health Care Delivery Systems. Credits: 3

Electives

Students will complete one of the following elective groups by selecting 12 semester hours of coursework from that elective group.

Professional Communication Grouping:

- CMN 2650 - Introduction to Organizational Communication. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 3650 - Case Studies in Organizational Communication. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 2990 - Introduction to Rhetorical Studies. Credits: 3
- CMN 3660 - Communication and Conflict Management. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 3903 - Rhetoric of Gender and the Body. Credits: 3
- CMN 3640 - Advanced Interpersonal Communication. Credits: 3
- CMN 4765 - Communication in Families. Credits: 3
- HST 2900 - Human Diseases. Credits: 3
- HST 3500 - Human Sexuality. Credits: 3
- HST 3560 - Women's Health. Credits: 3
- HST 3765 - Principles of Epidemiology. Credits: 3
- HST 4800 - Drugs and Society. Credits: 3
- HST 4830 - Perspectives on Health and Humor. Credits: 3
- HST 4890 - Health and Aging. Credits: 3

Community Outreach Grouping:

- CMN 2650 - Introduction to Organizational Communication. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 2920 - Introduction to Public Relations. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 2990 - Introduction to Rhetorical Studies. Credits: 3
- CMN 3640 - Advanced Interpersonal Communication. Credits: 3
- CMN 3660 - Communication and Conflict Management. Credits: 3 (Online)
- CMN 3920 - Public Relations in Society. Credits: 3
- CMN 3950 - Conferences and Event Planning. Credits: 3
- CMN 3960 - Public Relations Writing and Production. Credits: 3 (Online)
- HST 2200G - Health Citizenship. Credits: 3
- HST 3100 - Disasters and Public Health: Planning and Response. Credits: 3
- HST 3300 - Mitigation of Unintentional Injuries. Credits: 2
- HST 4770 - Health Services Administration. Credits: 3
- HST 4800 - Drugs and Society. Credits: 3
- HST 4890 - Health and Aging. Credits: 3

Footnote:

*Students must enroll in a minimum total of 8 semester hours of internship.