



INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION OPTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES
AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

This option is designed for students who are interested in developing knowledge, skills, and abilities that facilitate effective communication in personal, professional, and group contexts. Students can tailor the program so as to prepare themselves for work in multiple or multi-faceted communicative environments.

DEPARTMENT CORE*: 12 HRS

*All CMN majors are required to take the department core. These four classes must be completed with a grade of C or better to pass.

- **CMN 2010** Introduction to Communication Theories
- **CMN 2040** Argumentation and Critical Thinking
- **CMN 3000** Communication Research Methods
- **CMN 3100** Persuasion

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION OPTION CORE: 21 HRS

- **CMN 2630** Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- **CMN 3470** Small Group Communication
- **CMN 3640** Advanced Interpersonal Communication (*CMN 2630 prerequisite*)
- **CMN 3660** Communication and Conflict Management
- **CMN 3710** Intercultural Communication
- **CMN 4765** Communication in Families (*CMN Core prerequisites*)

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION OPTION ELECTIVES: 12 HRS

Interpersonal Communication students may select any CMN prefix course as an elective. Other electives are available; please see your advisor for more information.

TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 45 HRS

WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE WITH AN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION OPTION?

Customer Service Representative
Speech Writer
Lawyer (with law degree)
Lobbyist
Elected Official
Legislative Assistant
Program Coordinator
Human Rights Officer
Political Campaign Manager
Business Owner
Community Affairs Manager
Residential Life Director
Social Worker
Community Affairs Liaison
Flight Attendant
Private Investigator

Community College Instructor (with M.A.)
College or University Professor (with Ph.D.)
Sales Manager
Account Representative
Athletic Coach
Student Activities Director

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