

Special Topics Communication Courses 2017-18

160AA-ZZ. Special Topics in Communication Investigation of current theory and research in a selected area of communication. Variable topics in media, interpersonal or organizational communication, depending on the instructor.

Comm 160JP.

Comm 160ME. Mediated Communication and Affective Experience This course is designed to provide students with a theoretical understanding of the various ways in which media use relates to our affective experiences and to what effect. Topics include expressing and managing emotional experiences through media use, message selection and sharing, norms of emotional expression, and media use and well-being. Students should complete the course not only with a mastery of the theoretical perspectives linking media to affective experiences, but also with an ability to recognize the variety of ways in which media use connects to not only our emotional experiences but also, in turn, how we think, act, and relate.

Senior Capstone Courses 2017-18

175AA-ZZ. Senior Capstone in Communication A project-based course in a specific topic area of communication designed to give students a chance to apply the skills and knowledge learned in the major and the opportunity to work intensively in groups on a real world project.

175SX. Sex, Censorship, & Judiciary This course is an in-depth look at one area of Communication and mass media- effects Communication about sex and law regulating sexual depictions Communication about sex and law regulating sexual depictions and messages. We will explore the effects of exposure to sex messages on attitudes cognitions and behavior as well as the effects of pornography on personal relationships. We will also explore the philosophical principles, theories and methods of media law applied to restricting these messages in American society. Special attention will be paid to obscenity law and recent Supreme Court decisions regarding the regulation of sex in the community and sex depictions on the Internet.

175UT. Understanding Terrorism: Interpersonal, Organizational, and Media Communication Perspectives This course will explore the social scientific study of terrorism. We begin from the empirical reality that terrorism is communicatively constituted violence and anchor the study of terrorism in the study of communication and conflict. With this as a base, we will identify the key theoretical issues in the contemporary terrorism literature and examine the potential contributions that interpersonal, intergroup, organizational and media studies and communication theories in general can offer to the understanding of terrorism and conflict.