

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Speech Communication

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Minor
- Speech Communication Education Minor

Why Speech Communication?

Are you interested in how individuals or groups communicate? Understanding the “human” and social aspect of communications is a critical skill that can translate to multiple professions. While mass communications focuses on the vehicles or methods used to disperse information, speech communication focuses on analyzing, explaining, and improving human interactions, whether through one-to-one communication, small group decision-making, or wide-scale communication in organizations and communities.

Speech Communication at SIUE

The Department of Speech Communication at SIUE offers both dynamic courses and practical, hands-on opportunities within the three degree tracks – Corporate and Organizational Communication, Interpersonal Communication, and Public Relations. Students are encouraged to complete internships with local businesses and nonprofit organizations to foster their communication skills in job settings. The department also works with nonprofit organizations to solve real problems and analyze human interactions. To enrich the undergraduate experience, faculty foster active relationships with students and engage them in research projects beginning in the sophomore year. The quality of analysis and presentations are continuously monitored and challenged, and both faculty and students have been invited to present a wide range of research projects at both regional and national conferences. The University has a special research and creativity academy that helps fund some research. In response to growing career opportunities, the Department has added courses focusing on health communication and computer mediated communication and is seeking further collaborative efforts with other departments and schools at SIUE, including nursing, pharmacy, and education.

Career Outlook

Those with a degree in speech communication can translate skills learned to a variety of career professions, including human relations, public relations, management training, employee assistance, government service, sales, and teaching. Added background in specialized degree concentrations can open doors to specific positions in corporations where a strong understanding of human interactions and communication is essential.

Admission Requirements

- Complete SPC 103, Interpersonal Communication Skills (or equivalent) with a grade of C or better
- Complete SPC 105, Public Speaking Skills (or equivalent) with a grade of C or better
- Attain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

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Faculty

Associate Professors

Alicia Alexander, Ph.D.

2004, University of Texas at Austin

Isaac Blankson, (Chair); Ph.D.

2000, Ohio University

Duff Wrobbel, Ph.D.

1994, University of Texas at Austin

Sonia Zamanou-Erickson, Ph.D.

1988, University of Oregon

Assistant Professors

Jocelyn DeGroot Brown, Ph.D.

2009, Ohio University

Joanne Cattafesta, Ph.D.

2007, Rutgers University

Wai Hsien Cheah, Ph.D.

2004, University of Kentucky

Min Liu, Ph.D.

2006, North Dakota State University

Sorin Nastasia, Ph.D.

2010, University of North Dakota

Sarah Van Slette, Ph. D.

2006, Purdue University

Instructors

Komie Bumpers, M.A.

2000, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Renee Fussell, M.A.

1991, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Diane Hayes, M.A.

2006, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Stacey Howard, M.A.

2009, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Alan Shiller, M.A.

1975, Purdue University

Tara Thornton, M.A.

2000, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



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Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BS

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	SPC 103 Interpersonal Communication (IGR) (3) ENG 101 Composition (3) PHIL 106 or MATH 106 (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities (IFAH) (3) Introductory Social Sciences (ISS) (3) Total 15	SPC 105 Public Speaking (3) ENG 102 Composition (3) STAT 107 or CMIS 108 (3) Introductory General Education (3) Introductory General Education (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	SPC 200 or SPC 201, SPC 203, SPC 213 (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) International Issues/International Culture (II/IC) (3) Distribution Fine Arts & Humanities (DFAH) (3) Introductory Natural Sciences & Mathematics (INSM) (3) Total 15	SPC 200 or SPC 201, SPC 203, SPC 213 (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) Distribution Social Sciences (DSS) (3) Distribution Natural Sciences & Mathematics (DNSM) (3) Elective (3) Total 15
YEAR 3	SPC 329 or SPC 330 (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Minor (3) Total 15	SPC 329 or SPC 330 (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	SPC Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 18	SPC 409 Senior Project or SPC 414/415 Public Relations Campaigns: Programming & Implementation (3-6) Elective (3) Elective (4) Elective/Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 16-19

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

Exit Requirements

- Complete all general education and specific program/track requirements.
- Complete all requirements for an academic minor.
- Receive a C or higher in SPC 329 and SPC 330.
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or above for course work completed at SIUE.
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

Academic Advising Information

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