

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Interpersonal Communication

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Speech Communication

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communication - Interpersonal Communication
- Bachelor of Science, Speech Communication - Interpersonal Communication

Why Interpersonal Communication?

Interpersonal communication focuses on the interaction and communication among individuals or groups. It challenges those interested in examining and understanding human relationships in the context of both verbal and nonverbal communication.

Interpersonal Communication at SIUE

Because this specialization is often sought by those eyeing graduate education, SIUE faculty focus on honing the skills necessary for research and problem-solving. Real world, practical experiences are readily available, with the faculty collaborating with local and regional employers to identify issues for students to discuss and for which to develop communication solutions. Students also undertake a systematic examination of relevant theory and research into interpersonal communication.

Career Outlook

Students with a degree in interpersonal communication will find themselves with an excellent foundation upon which to begin careers in the academic community, such as professor, researcher, or administrator. Those choosing this track will also be well-prepared for positions in the business sector, such as recruiters and trainers.

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).

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

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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



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 Advanced Public Speaking (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 330 Theories of Communication (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 Communication Research Methods (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 Track Requirement (or recommended SPC elective) (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
Interpersonal Communication Track and Speech Recommended Electives to total 24 hours: Requirements: SPC 201 , 323, 409, 433, 434, and 464 Recommended Electives: SPC 203, 210 , 305, 311, 331, 370, 423, 430		

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.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

Academic Advising Information

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