COMMUNICATION (COMM)

COMM 150 - MEDIA TODAY
Considering the effects of society on media and media on society. This course will focus each semester on a different topic exploring and exposing the possibilities and issues of the ongoing relationship between media and society.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Course Notes: Open to freshman. Journalism, Media Studies, and Integrated, Marketing Communications students cannot use 100-level, courses as electives in their majors.

COMM 201 - COMMUNICATION IN THE INFO AGE
Prerequisite course for Journalism, Media Studies and Integrated Marketing Communications majors. Overview of print and broadcast journalism, public relations, advertising and media studies; emphasis on the role and effects of media in society, particularly the transformation of mass communication resulting from current technology
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: ENG 102

COMM 210 - WHAT IS TRUTH/FAKE NEWS?
There’s no quick fix for the challenges of “fake news” and “alternative facts.” Course focuses on development of critical thinking skills needed to explore the boundaries, using newspapers, magazines, videos and internet resources, of our socially constructed, digital reality. This course looks at varied concepts of truth throughout history and across cultural contexts, with particular attention to similarities and differences with the modern, science-based concept of “fact.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: ENG 101

COMM 240 - DEMOCRACY: THE WORST FORM OF GOVERNMENT?
This course focuses on American democracy as a lived experience. Students will apply critical thinking to both confirm and challenge their concepts of, and beliefs about democratic government considering: the benefits of democracy; the flaws/limitations inherent in democracy; the citizen’s obligations in a working democracy; courts and the rule of law; individual and group influence; the electoral system, its benefits and liabilities; and the role and responsibilities of media.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: ENG 101