

# The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

## Health Communication Concentration

### 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Grade	Course	CR	Course	CR
	<b>Freshman Year - First Semester</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Freshman Year - Second Semester</b>	<b>16</b>
	FRST 101 Freshman Seminar (1) (SS)1	1	SPCH 105 Intro to Health Comm. (3)	3
	HFA General Education (3)	3	WC General Education (3) ENGL 101	3
	WC General Education (3) ENGL 100	3	SR (LAB) General Education (4)	4
	HPED (1)	1	FOLA 2 or Global Studies (3)	3
	FOLA or Global Studies (3)1	3	PSYC 101	3
	Free Elective (3)	3		
	<b>Sophomore Year - First Semester</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Sophomore Year - Second Semester</b>	<b>16</b>
	Free Elective	1	SPCH 453 Persuasion	3
	HSM 210 U.S. Healthcare Systems (3)	3	Free Elective	1
	SPCH 235 Intro to Health Advocacy	3	SPCH 316: Interpersonal Comm. (3)	3
	SPCH 250 Fundamentals of Speech (3)	3	PSYC 250 Psychological Statistics	3
	MLAR General Education (3)	3	MLAR General Education (3) Free	3
	Free Elective (3)	3	Elective (3)	3
	<b>Junior Year - First Semester</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Junior Year - Second Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
	SPCH 385 Multicultural Practices (3)	3	SPCH 401 Adv. Advocacy & Debate (3)	3
	SPCH 315 Public Comm. in Health (3)	3	SPCH 301 Research Methods in HCS (3)	3
	ENGL 331 Writing for Science/Tech. (3) AA	3	SR General Education (3)	3
	General Education (3) Free Elective (3)	3	GL General Education (3)	3
		3	Free Elective (3)	3
	<b>Senior Year - First Semester</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Senior Year - Second Semester</b>	<b>13</b>
	HSM 421 Healthcare Policy & Politics (3)	3	SPCH 475 Computer App. in Comm. (3)	3
	SPCH 410 Ethical Issues in Comm (3)	3	SPCH 470 Adv. Topics in HCS (3) OR SPCH 480 Internship for HCS	3
	SPCH 314 Intercultural Comm (3)	3	SBS General Education (3)	3
	SPCH 465 Capstone for HCS (3)	3	Free Elective (3)	3
	Free Elective (3)	3	HPED (1)	1
			<b>Total Credit Hours: 120</b>	

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To earn a degree in the Health Communication Studies program, students must earn a “C” or higher in the following courses: SPCH 105; HSM 210; SPCH 235; SPCH 453; SPCH 314; SPCH 316; SPCH 401; SPCH 410; HSM 421; SPCH 465; SPCH 470; PSYC 101; PSYC 250

1 Students may opt to take either 2 FOLA courses (6 hours) OR 2 additional Global Studies courses (6 hours). Approved courses for satisfying this program requirement include\*\*:

HIST 130: Contemporary Global Experience HIST 206: Pre-modern world history

HIST 207: Modern World History

HIST 216: African History Since 1800

HIST 231: Genocide

MGMT 221: Global Business Environment PHIL 103: World Religions

PHIL 201: Business Ethics

LIBS 100: Global Understanding

LIBS 245. Global Views: Black Press in the Americas (Prereq: LIBS 200) LIBS 305. Race and Class in Caribbean Culture

LIBS 307. Food and The Global Community

LIBS 312. Gender and Development in Africa

LIBS 313. Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary and Global Approach LIBS 315. World Views on Death and Dying (Prereq: LIBS 200) LIBS 322. World Religions and Society

\*\*The same course can be used to fulfill both the Global Studies SPCH Concentration requirement and the General Education (Global Learning) requirement.

2 Take one of the following statistics courses\*:

SOC 203 Social Statistics 1 (Prerequisites: SOC 100)

MATH 224 Introduction to Probability and Statistics (Prerequisite: MATH 104 or MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 131); (Prerequisites: College Algebra & Trig; Pre-Calc; or Calculus)

ECON 206 Statistics for Decision-Making Prerequisite: A minimum grade of C in MATH 111, MATH 104, or MATH 131.

PSYC 250 Psychological Statistics Prerequisite: PSYC 101; Taken Concurrently with PSYCH 251 or 252.

\*Please note that some statistics courses have prerequisites that must be taken before enrollment can be approved.

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Below is a list of suggested interdisciplinary courses for the Health Communications Concentration to fulfill Free Electives:

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Below is a list of prerequisites that may be subject to courses selected above.

Course	Prerequisites
HSM 210 US Healthcare Systems	N/A N/A Prerequisites waived for declared
HSM 421 Healthcare Policy & Politics	SPCH majors N/A
SPCH 475 Computer Applications	
ENGL 331 Writing for Sci/Tech	
MATH 224	MATH 104 or MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 131; College Algebra & Trig; Pre-Calc; or Calculus A
ECON 206	minimum grade of C in MATH 111, MATH 104, or MATH 131 PSYC 101; Taken Concurrently with PSYCH
PSYC 250	251 or 252 SOC 100 LIBS 200 LIBS 200
SOC 203	
LIBS 245	
LIBS 315	