ADVERTISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 35 Credits

BA Degree: 120 Credits

ELECTIVES: 26 Credits

SUMMER 2015 update

PREScribed COURSES FOR ALL OPTIONS: (11 credits)

COMM 160_______(1)  ECON 102 (GS)_______ (3) PSYCH 100 (GS)_______ (3) STAT 200 (GQ)_______(4)

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: (3 credits)
Select 3 credits of COMM courses (other than COMM 100 or 120)  COMM_______

ADVERTISING OPTION: (21 credits)

Prescribed Courses: (15 credits)

______COMM 320  Introduction to Advertising: advertising management in business, including communications theory, common industry practices, basics of copy, media and budget decisions, and environmental influences.
Prereq: 4th semester standing

______COMM 420  Research Methods in Advertising and Public Relations: primary and secondary research methods used in the development of solutions to advertising and public relations problems. Prereqs: COMM 320 or 370; STAT 200

______COMM 421W  Advertising Creative Strategies: planning, designing, writing advertisements, introduction to graphics and production techniques and processes, layout and copywriting practice and critiques.
Prereq: COMM 320

______COMM 422  Advertising Media Planning: analysis, selection, and scheduling of advertising media, examination of algorithms, technologies, and software used in media planning.
Prereq: COMM 320

______COMM 424  Advertising Campaigns: advertising campaign problems from the viewpoint of the advertiser and advertising agency, production of a complete advertising campaign.
Prereqs: COMM 420 or 304, COMM 421W & 422

Additional Courses: (6 credits)
SELECT six (6) credits from:

______COMM 370  Public Relations: public understanding of organizations and institutions; identification and analysis of public; media relations; public relations practice.
Prereq: 4th semester standing

______COMM 373  Crisis Communications in Public Relations: introduces students to organizational risk assessment and protecting an organization's reputation in times of crisis. Prereqs: COMM 260W and COMM 370 or COMM 320.

______COMM 410  International Mass Communications: the role of international media in communication among and between nations and people.
Prereq: Select 3 credits from COMM 100, 110, 118, 150, 180, 251, 260W, 320 or 370

______COMM 411  Cultural Aspects of the Mass Media: the mass media as creators and critics of mass culture in American life; relationships between the media and mass culture.
Prereq: 6 credits in the arts or the humanities & 3 credits from COMM 100, 110, 118, 150, 180, 251, 260W, 320 or 370

______COMM 417  Ethics & Regulation in Advertising & Public Relations: Ethical issues in the practice of advertising and public relations; legal & regulatory issues; case studies.
Prereq: COMM 320 or 370
COMM 418 Media Effects: Theory & Research: investigation of social & psychological effects of media messages and technologies via theories and empirical evidence pertaining to processes of effects. Prereqs: COMM 118 & 304 or equivalent

COMM 425 Advanced Advertising Campaigns (3) An academic option for student AAF members who will develop an integrated advertising campaign to be presented in District competition. Prereqs: COMM 420, COMM 421W, COMM 422, COMM 424 or COMM 471 and permission of the program

COMM 426 International & Intercultural Strategic Communication: advertising & public relations in the international & intercultural arenas; multicultural strategic communications strategies. Prereq: COMM 320 or 370

COMM 427 Client/Agency Relations: building & maintaining client/agency relationships in advertising, public relations & direct response agency business functions. Prereqs: Advertising Option: COMM 421 & 422; one can be taken concurrently OR Public Relations Option: COMM 471 & 473; COMM 473 can be taken concurrently.

COMM 468 Graphic Applications in Print Communications: issues, concepts, and practice identified with contemporary design strategies for print journalism, advertising, and public relations. Prereq: COMM 260W or 320

COMM 496 Independent Studies

COMM 499 Foreign Study – Mass Communications: study of mass communication systems and practices in selected foreign countries. Prereq: department approval

PUBLIC RELATIONS OPTION: (21 credits)

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COMM 260W News Writing and Reporting: news and news values; legal and ethical problems of reporting; writing and reporting news for the mass media. Prereq: ENGL 15 or 30; COMM 160; 3rd semester standing and typing proficiency

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COMM 471 Public Relations Media and Methods: analyzing media and audiences for public relations purposes; planning, designing, and writing public relations communications; press relations and publicity methods. Prereqs: COMM 260W & 370

COMM 473 Public Relations Campaigns: case studies and problems in publicity and public relations in industry, government, and institutions. Prereqs: COMM 370, 420 or 304, and 471

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COMM 401  Mass Media in History: relationship of news media to social, economic, and political developments in the Western world.

COMM 403  Law of Mass Communications: nature and theories of law; the Supreme Court and press freedom; legal problems of the mass media.

COMM 409  New Media Ethics: ethical problems in the practice of journalism; principal public criticisms of news media; case study approach.

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COMM 462  Feature Writing: reporting and writing the human interest article for newspapers and magazines.
Prereq: COMM 260W

COMM 464W  Editorial, Opinion and Commentary Writing: introduces advanced journalism students to theory and techniques of writing news analyses, editorials, and reviews of culture and the arts.
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