

Civil Communication, Certificate

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Learn the value of robust, honest and constructive dialogue that advances public interest. With your ability to engage in public disagreement with civility and consideration, you'll be able to contribute to building and nurturing communities.

Description

The certificate program in civil communication provides students with specific training in dialogue-based methods of civility, the application of critical civil communication skills in public spheres, and civil and productive modes of argumentation.

This specialization enables students to recognize and competently practice and facilitate civil discourse --- for which there is an ever-increasing demand --- in society and in workplace organizations. The foundational courses offer the opportunity for transdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires 18 credit hours. Nine of the 18 credit hours must be ASU resident-credit courses, including six upper-division credit hours offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Twelve credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Required Courses -- 9 credit hours

[COM 222: Argumentation \(CIVI OR L\)](#) (3)
[COM 225: Public Speaking \(CIVI OR L\)](#) (3)
[COM 327: Civil Communication](#) (3)

Electives (select three) -- 9 credit hours

[COM 312: Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation \(CIVI\)](#) (3)
[COM 319: Persuasion and Social Influence \(CIVI OR SB\)](#) (3)
[COM 321: Rhetorical Theory and Research \(\(L or HU\) & H\)](#) (3)
[COM 325: Advanced Public Speaking and Presentations \(CIVI OR L\)](#) (3)
[COM 341: Social Contexts for Performance](#) (3)
[COM 421: Rhetoric of Social Issues \(HU\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate prior to the addition of the certificate to the student record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Graduates who have combined the certificate in civil communication with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in social services, public policy or workplace organization.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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