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This year-long course (COMM 498 & COMM 499) provides communication majors with a culminating experience at the conclusion of major coursework.

Students conduct research and perform critical analysis using key concepts and methodologies of the discipline.

Course requirements include field internships or other forms of experiential learning.

Who Takes Capstone?

All communication majors are required to take this course.

Capstone participants are expected to undertake extensive research and complete a comprehensive capstone project.
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This year-long course (COMM 480 & COMM 481) provides communication majors with a culminating experience at the conclusion of major coursework.

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Past Capstone Section Titles Include:

- Wired and Inspired
- Health Communication
- Dramatism & Event Planning
- Social Media Research
- Semiotics & American Pop Culture
- Training & Development - Putting your Degree to Work
  - Organizational Influence & Advocacy
  - Experimenting with Nonverbal Communication

Please note:
- This is a sample of sections taught in the past. A variety of different topics are taught every year and there is no guarantee that these topics will be taught in the semester you take Capstone.
Who Takes Capstone?

All Communication majors are eligible to take a year-long Capstone course

Capstone participation is required for all Communication majors not enrolled in the Honors College

Please note:
- Honors College students can take Capstone, but they must participate in a Bachelor's Essay to graduate with Honors
When Do I Take Capstone?

You take Capstone in your last two semesters at College of Charleston.

Meeting with your COMM major advisor now & planning ahead will make reaching your goal semester of beginning Capstone much easier!
You are eligible to begin your Capstone after earning a C- or higher in the following communication major requirements:

- COMM 280 & 281
- COMM 214 & D
  - COMM 215
  - COMM 301
  - COMM 310

Please Note:
- MATH 104 or MATH 250 is a prerequisite to take COMM 301
When do I Take Capstone?
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COMM 315, COMM 336, and COMM 410 do not need to be taken before you begin your Capstone, though they need to be completed to graduate.

Please note:
- You must earn a C- or higher in COMM 410, Capstone (COMM 480 & COMM 481), COMM 315, and COMM 336.
How Do I Get Into a Capstone Course?

You will complete an online application the semester before you plan to begin your Capstone

- For example, if you plan to begin your Capstone in Fall 2017, you would complete the Capstone application in Spring 2017

The online application link will be emailed to you if your degree audit indicates that you might begin the Capstone in the following semester

Please note:

- It is your responsibility to make sure the Department of Communication knows if you plan to begin Capstone earlier or later than your degree audit indicates
What is the Format of the Application?

Through an online Qualtrics survey, provide your basic information (name, CWID, email, GPAs)

Introduce yourself to the faculty teaching the Capstone sections to give them an idea of your contributions to any of the Capstone courses

Rank order your Capstone course preferences and reasons why you want to take specific sections

Please note:
- The application should take some time to complete. Professors can tell who took their time with the application and who did not their time
What Happens After I Apply?

Professors teaching Capstone meet and select students for each section.

- This "mutual match" process helps the Capstone be a positive experience for both professors and students.

No student is guaranteed their preferred section, but priority will be given to students with demonstrated background, coursework, and experience in the subject taught.

Academic performance in the major is also a consideration.
What Happens After I Apply? (continued)

You will receive an email confirmation, stating your class assignment

The Department of Communication will register you for your Capstone course.
• You will not register yourself for this course
What Should I Do Now?

1. Think about when you want to graduate
   - Make sure you factor in study abroad, course prerequisites, and other things that could impact your graduation timeline

2. Meet with your COMM Major advisor to make sure you'll be able to begin your Capstone courses in your desired semester

3. Do well in your COMM coursework, make a positive impression on your COMM professors, and think about what you want to do (career, professional school, etc.) once you graduate

4. Seek out assistance and clarification if you need it!
QUESTIONS?

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