

Speech Communication

OSU Minor in Speech Communication or OSU Liberal Studies Theme in Community, Identity and Place

Do you know the power of your words? How does the quality of your communication affect the quality of your life? Speech communication classes will assist you in answering these questions. Well-articulated thinking, writing, and speaking skills are valuable to you no matter where the future takes you.

▶▶▶ **The Program**

OSU-Cascades students interested in the study of Speech Communication can choose to gain a minor in this field, or use it as the foundation of a Liberal Studies theme titled "Community, Identity, and Place." Critical thinking, written and oral communication, and collaboration skills which are gained by taking Speech Communication classes are applicable skills to any major area of study, career field, and your personal communication.

▶▶▶ **The Future**

Strong writing and speaking skills are sought after in many careers. Students earning degrees or taking coursework in communication heighten aptitudes applicable to a wide variety of careers including business, public administration, social services, recreation, criminal justice, natural resources, and teaching. Undergraduate education frequently serves as preparation for graduate and professional schools offering advanced degrees in communication, law, counseling, business administration, social work, and other social sciences.

▶▶▶ **At OSU-Cascades, You Can Have It All**

OSU-Cascades blends the personal atmosphere of a small campus with the opportunities of a much larger school. All at a price that's lower than most comparable institutions. As a student, you'll take your lower-division classes from Central Oregon Community College (paying lower community college tuition) and your upper division courses from Oregon State University and the University of Oregon when appropriate to your degree program. We feature extra small classes, one-on-one mentoring by world-class faculty, creative course delivery, and community-based learning opportunities that create a dynamic student experience. Field studies and research opportunities take students out of the classroom and into the real-world environment. And, with a student-teacher ratio of 10-to-1, you'll know your professors, often on a first-name basis.

**▶▶▶ Speech Communication Minor
(27 total credits, 15 of which must be upper division)**

A transcript-visible Speech Communication Minor is available to all students getting their OSU degree from OSU-Cascades. Students begin by taking foundation communication classes from COCC, in such areas as Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Small Group and Interpersonal Communication, and Communication Theory. Students then take an additional 15 credits of communications electives in such classes as Intercultural Communication, Community Dialogue, Interpersonal Communication and Group Communication.

**For more information on the Speech Communication program, go online to
<http://www.osucascades.edu/academics/speechcomm/>**

**For the complete advising guide for the Speech Communication minor, go online to
<http://www.osucascades.edu/advising/guides.php>**

▶▶▶ Liberal Studies Major with a pre-designed theme in "Community, Identity and Place" (180 total credits)

Students interested in completing a Liberal Studies degree, and emphasizing communication classes within their studies, can complete a pre-designed theme in the area of "Community, Identity, and Place." Within the theme, students choose to focus in one of the following, depending on their specific interests and/or career objectives:

Social Communication, Identity and Place

Intercultural Communication, Identity and Place

Environmental Communication, Identity and Place

**For more information on the Liberal Studies theme in "Community, Identity and Place," go
online to:**

<http://www.osucascades.edu/academics/liberalstudies/Home/CommunicationIdentityandPlace.php>

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