

Information, Communication and Technology Minor

Loyola University Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers undergraduates a comprehensive liberal arts education that introduces them to various disciplines and viewpoints in the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. CAS students develop valuable career and life skills, including: critical thinking, strong verbal and writing abilities, comprehensive general knowledge, social awareness and research competencies. As the largest of Loyola's nine schools, CAS has extensive resources, providing students with modern labs and electronic classrooms, opportunities to participate actively in research and a distinguished faculty of teacher-scholars.

Recent growth and renovation at both Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses have enhanced living and learning for students. The latest campus additions include the Quinlan Life Sciences Education and Research Center, two residence halls, the Loyola Museum of Art and the Sullivan Center for Student Services, which consolidates more than a dozen campus offices into one convenient location.



THE MINOR

This minor focuses on the communication issues and opportunities produced by contemporary developments in information technology, including the Internet. It is designed both to allow students majoring in related areas to give focused attention to pertinent communication issues and to allow communication majors to develop a special expertise in IT innovations. The minor consciously works to help students think across the boundaries of traditional academic disciplines, to creatively address emerging issues and to craft responses more fully suited to the needs of the future. Whatever the student's major, this minor will provide:

- Increased understanding of emerging technologies
- Appreciation for the use of the Web in politics and government for advocacy and community development
- Understanding for the role of visual communication and graphic design
- Sensitivity to ethical issues
- Practical skills in writing, design and programming
- Insight into the roles of databases, networks and other information technologies
- Appreciation for how new technologies impact and affect perennial issues of human communication and interaction

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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

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The Department of Communication hosts this minor. It is a cooperative, interdisciplinary program that also involves, and is cosponsored by, the Departments of Computer Science, Fine Arts and Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Departments of Economics, Marketing and Information Systems in the School of Business Administration.

Because the minor has a special interdisciplinary focus, it alone, of all the communication minors, may also be pursued by students who are communication majors. The minor is also open to students pursuing any other major within the undergraduate colleges of Loyola.

The minor involves six courses (18 credit hours). An introductory course, Communication (CMUN) 240: Introduction to Communication and Technology, is required of all students. A final integrative experience, which may involve either an upper-division course or an approved internship, is also required. The remaining four courses are selected from a wide range of courses provided by the various departments sponsoring the program.

Students who complete this new interdisciplinary minor will have an increased understanding of new communication technologies and the relationship between technology, human communication and communities. They will develop an appreciation for the role that communication technologies play in organizations, education, business, entertainment, politics and government, and the arts. Students can combine this minor with their major program of study to prepare for careers in journalism and new media, marketing communications, graphic design, Web development and information management.

REQUIREMENTS

Six courses (18 credit hours) are required for the minor, including CMUN 240 and a capstone experience. The capstone is either an upper-division course or internship taken with departmental approval. Contact the Communication Department for advising for the capstone course experiences.

Four electives must be taken from at least three different subject areas:

Business, Economics and Marketing Communication (B)

Marketing (MARK): 301, 310, 311, 373, 380

Economics (ECON): 201, 202, 303

Society and Culture (C)

CMUN: 160, 216, 217, 222, 223, 252, 330, 333, 339

Anthropology (ANTH): 210, 231, 308

Sociology (SOCL): 123, 126, 210, 230, 250, 270

Technology 1 (T1)

CMUN: 146, 232, 235, 238

Fine Arts (FNAR): 112, 132, 232, 233, 332, 333, 383

Technology 2 (T2)

Computer Science (COMP): 125, 150, 170, 225, 227, 251, 338, 343, 346, 353, 380

Information Systems and Operations Management (ISOM): 247, 346, 355, 370, 397, 398

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