



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

COMMUNICATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The Interpersonal and Organizational Communication (IOC) major is designed to prepare students for a variety of career paths through the mastery of dynamic communication methods.

Convenient Schedule

We understand that adult learners have obligations outside of school. That is why we have flexible and convenient course schedules that can be customized to your specific needs. This bachelor's degree is fully online, maximizing flexibility for your busy schedule.

Program Overview

Florida Southern College offers a versatile degree in communication. The Bachelor of Science in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication is ideal for students seeking to enhance their written, verbal, and non-verbal communication skills. These skills are used while studying mediation, organizational consulting, conflict management, and leadership training methods to be applied to an assortment of diverse career opportunities.

Accelerated Program

Adult undergraduate programs are offered in flexible, 7-week terms that begin six times a year, allowing you to start your degree at your convenience. You can complete your degree at a pace that fits your lifestyle and take up to 12 classes per year (48 credit hours).

Engaged Learning

With dedicated faculty members and small class sizes, you will have engaging lessons through open discussions with peers using our virtual learning platform.

Personalized Attention

The moment you enroll, you will be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. Your advisor will help you develop a customized educational plan that fits your schedule and priorities.

Career Paths

Graduates of Florida Southern's Interpersonal and Organizational Communication major have pursued careers in various areas including the following:

- Business
- Human Resources
- Mass and legal communication
- Social work
- Public and healthcare administration

Many have gained employment with local-area businesses such as:

- City of Lakeland
- Hall Communications
- Lakeland Regional Health
- Publix Super Markets
- The Lakeland Center
- The Detroit Tigers

Contact Information

Office of Adult & Graduate Admission

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MY FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE EDUCATION PREPARED ME WELL FOR THE WORKFORCE AND GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE I NEEDED TO SUCCEED. AS AN ADULT, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO STRONGLY CONSIDER FSC. THE SMALL CLASS SIZES ALLOWED FOR MORE CLASS DISCUSSION AND CREATED AN ENGAGED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. FSC HAS EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY WHO COMMUNICATE THEIR EXPECTATIONS VERY CLEARLY AND TEACH CLASSES SO STUDENTS CAN UNDERSTAND AND EXCEL. THEY ENCOURAGED ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY."

– Ted Dorton, FSC Alumnus

Program Requirements

Students who have earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree from a regionally accredited institution in Florida will have met all General Education requirements and may earn up to 62 credit hours toward their degree.

For students who have earned an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, a maximum of 62 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution may be applied to the degree.

If an A.A. was not earned at another institution prior to matriculation at Florida Southern, general education requirements are awarded on a course-by-course equivalency.

Communication Major Requirements

A. WRIGHT Foundation Requirements	34 hours
B. Major Requirements	42 - 66 hours
Core Requirements	22 hours
COM 1100 Introduction to Communication (waived)	
COM 1500 Fundamentals of Speech	
COM 2100 Mass Media and Society	
COM 4550 Communication Research	
COM 4500 Communication Law and Ethics AND/OR	
COM 4999 Speech and Mass Communication Theory	
COM 4900 Senior Project	
IOC Concentration	20 hours
COM 2250 Interpersonal Communication	
COM 2270 Intercultural Communication	
COM 3210 Organizational Communication	
COM 3900 Special Topics in Communication	
COM 2260 Small Group Communication AND/OR	
COM 3200 Persuasion	
C. Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements	12 hours
D. Electives	4-36 hours
E. Total	124 hours

Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding, as well as State of Florida programs such as the Effective Access to Student Education Grant (EASE) and Bright Futures.

Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Provide official transcripts of all academic work taken previously at other colleges, universities, or professional schools.
- If fewer than 25 credit hours have been earned from a regionally accredited college or university, student should provide official high school transcript or GED scores, as well as ACT or SAT exam scores, OR as an alternative, applicants should instead submit an updated resume and elect to apply through the test-optional policy.
- Military service-connected, educational experiences may award transfer credits. Requests should be accompanied by documents describing the educational experience. (Seven semester hours of credit may be awarded.)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to evening@flsouthern.edu or mailed directly to:

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Next Steps

- Talk to your Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you
- Attend an information session
- Complete the application online at www.flsouthern.edu/apply
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205

