

ACP Instructional Communication Graduate Certificate

The ACP Instructional Communication Certificate is designed for secondary educators interested in teaching public speaking and related courses to high school students for college credit through programs such as UMSL's Advanced Credit Program. The certificate combines practical application with theory and research to provide teachers with a grounded approach to delivering college appropriate courses with empirical research in communication at the foundation.

Through a combination of online courses and independent studies, students can complete the ACP Communication graduate certificate without visiting campus.

Students who earn the ACP Instructional Communication graduate certificate will be eligible to teach college level courses in public speaking at the secondary level.

Requirements: Graduate Standing. To earn the ACP Communication certificate, students must complete a minimum of 18 hours. Typically, students will earn the certificate by completing the following courses in sequence¹:

COMM 5000	ACP - Elements of Public Speaking ([R])	3
COMM 5010	ACP: Elements of Debate ([R])	3
COMM 5020	ACP - Persuasion and Influence ([R])	3
COMM 5050	ACP - Special Topics ([E]) ^{2,3}	6
COMM 5099	ACP - Observation and Implementation ([R]) ²	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Other 5000+ electives may be substituted based on approval and availability. Contact the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Communication for more information.

² Pre-requisites: Students must have completed or currently be enrolled in each of the following courses: COMM 5000, COMM 5010, COMM 5020

³ May be repeated.

[R] Required for the certificate.

[E] Elective.