

Public Relations Undergraduate Certificate

The Certificate in Public Relations offers a sequence of courses that will prepare students for a successful career in public relations. This writing-intensive certificate program includes a selection of required and elective courses that integrate practical knowledge of the public relations industry with communication planning and research tactics needed in today's ever-changing world. The sequence of courses is based upon the latest report from the Commission on Public Relations Education and the certification requirements of the Public Relations Society of America. To earn the certificate, student must complete a minimum of 21 credits in the designated courses with a grade of "C" or better.

Required Courses

COMM 1150	Introduction to Public Relations	3
COMM 2180	Public Relations Writing	3
COMM 3330	Research Methods in Communication I	3
COMM 4100	Communication Campaigns	3
COMM 4199	Applied Strategic Communication ¹	3
Elective Coursework (minimum of 6 credit hours required):		6
COMM 1369	Introduction to Health Communication	
COMM 3150	Crisis, Disaster, and Risk Communication	
COMM 3370	Social Media in Public Relations	
MEDIA ST 3355	Media Law and Regulation	
MKTG 3700	Principles of Marketing	
MKTG 3721	Introduction to Digital Marketing Strategies	
Total Hours		21

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COMM 4199 may count toward internship credit for the BA Communication degree.

For more information on this certificate, please contact the Department of Communication and Media's Public Relations Coordinator.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Interpret and apply basic public relations principles to design, research and plan public relations campaigns.
- Compose written public relations materials that are written in a clear, brief, concise format following the appropriate format and style.
- Make use of broad knowledge combined with principles of public relations in order to evaluate and create effective public relations campaigns.
- Plan and implement research projects; read and interpret research data as applied to public relations campaigns and message strategy.
- Create and conduct ethically sound and socially responsible public relations strategies and campaigns.