

GRADUATE COMMUNICATION COURSES

FALL 2011

Course #	Title	Instructor	Email	Credits	Day & Time	Site
COM 421-01	TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION Principles and practice in the communication of technical materials. Students work on the design, writing, and revising of reports, articles, manuals, procedures, and proposals, including the use of graphics.	Batson	batson@iit.edu	3	TR 1:50–3:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 421-02	TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION	TBA		3	Internet	
COM 508-01	STRUCTURE OF MODERN ENGLISH Analysis of English grammar from four major perspectives: prescriptive, descriptive, transformational-generative, and contextual perspectives. Different methods for analyzing sentences, ways of applying each method to problems in editing and writing, and contributions of linguists such as Noam Chomsky. While focusing on sentence structure, students also look at the structure of words (morphology) and larger units of text (discourse) at various points in the semester. Fulfills linguistics requirement for Ph.D. students.	Bauer	bauerma@iit.edu	3	TR 5:00–6:15 PM	Main Campus
COM 521-01	KEY CONCEPTS IN TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION Broad coverage of concepts and issues in current and classic scholarship in the field of technical communication.	Stolley	kstolley@iit.edu	3	M 6:25–9:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 523-01	COMMUNICATING SCIENCE Principles and strategies for communicating scientific information in professional settings. Students develop a literature review, proposal, and feasibility study; learn how to adapt scientific information to various audiences; and complete exercises on style, grammar, and other elements of effective professional communication. Emphasis on usability, cohesion, and style in each assignment.	Batson	batson@iit.edu	3	Internet	
COM 525-01	USER EXPERIENCE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION An introduction to principles of user-centered design and to methods for conducting user experience research. Students will learn how to plan and conduct projects that evaluate the design, delivery, interface, and experience of a product or service. Course work includes designing studies, collecting and interpreting data, and reporting findings and recommendations from the perspective of user-centered design.	Hemphill	lhemphil@iit.edu	3	MW 5:00–6:15 PM	Main Campus
COM 530-01	STANDARDS-BASED WEB DESIGN Theory and practice of structuring and designing information for web-enabled devices. This course emphasizes web standards, accessibility, and agile design methods.	Stolley	kstolley@iit.edu	3	T 6:25–9:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 543-01	PUBLICATION MANAGEMENT Intensive work developing and using systems to create and deliver content digitally and in print. Special emphasis on project management and large-team collaboration.	Otterbacher	jotterba@iit.edu	3	W 6:25–9:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 545-01	WRITING FOR ACADEMIC PUBLICATION Practice in developing written and spoken academic genres (e.g., reviews, articles, conference papers, CVs, job talks). Special attention to analyzing and evaluating academic journals; submitting items to journals and conferences; managing time during the research, writing, and publication process; revising work and providing feedback to others; and mastering the conventions of academic writing. Instructor permission required.	Riley	riley@iit.edu	3	Internet	
COM 571-01	PERSUASION The study of covert and overt persuasion and their influences on society and individuals.	Pulliam	pulliam@iit.edu	3	TR 3:15–4:30 PM	Main Campus
COM 577-01	COMMUNICATION LAW AND ETHICS This course explores ethical and legal issues concerning communication in diverse contexts: mass media (e.g. print, broadcast, and electronic); government and politics; organizations (e.g. workplaces in public and private sectors); academic life (e.g. classroom, student, and faculty affairs); and interpersonal relations (e.g. love, friendship, marriage). Students will research and write an article-length paper, and may also do additional research and/or classroom work.	Ladenson	ladenson@iit.edu	3	TR 1:50–3:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 580-01	COMMUNICATION IN ORGANIZATIONS This course provides a broad understanding of the way communication operates in organizations and work groups. Students will learn the major theories of organizational communication by examining verbal and written communication and will explore the roles of technology, corporate culture, leadership, teamwork, ethics, and diversity in communication. Most readings will come from empirical research literature. There are no prerequisites for the course, but you should expect a heavy reading load. Coursework includes both individual and group assignments.	Hemphill	lhemphil@iit.edu	3	W 6:25–9:05 PM	Main Campus
COM 601-01	RESEARCH METHODS This course addresses the logic of research design. The first part of the course focuses on formulating clear research questions and hypotheses. The second part addresses various designs (surveys, correlations, experiments, mixed designs, etc.) and their potential to test hypotheses.	Otterbacher	jotterba@iit.edu	3	MW 5:00–6:15 PM	Main Campus

Also available: COM 591 RESEARCH & THESIS M.S. ▪ COM 594 PROJECT ▪ COM 597 SPECIAL PROBLEMS ▪ COM 691 RESEARCH & THESIS Ph.D.

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GRADUATE COMMUNICATION COURSES – FALL 2011 SCHEDULE

Time	Monday (M)	Tuesday (T)	Wednesday (W)	Thursday (R)
1:50-3:05 PM		<p>COM 421-01 Technical Communication <i>Batson</i></p> <p>COM 577-01 Communication Law and Ethics <i>Ladenson</i></p>		<p>COM 421-01 Technical Communication <i>Batson</i></p> <p>COM 577-01 Communication Law and Ethics <i>Ladenson</i></p>
3:15-4:30 PM		<p>COM 571-01 Persuasion <i>Pulliam</i></p>		<p>COM 571-01 Persuasion <i>Pulliam</i></p>
5:00-6:15 PM	<p>COM 601-01 Research Methods <i>Otterbacher</i></p> <p>COM 525-01 User Experience Research and Evaluation <i>Hemphill</i></p>	<p>COM 508-01 Structure of Modern English <i>Bauer</i></p>	<p>COM 601-01 Research Methods <i>Otterbacher</i></p> <p>COM 525-01 User Experience Research and Evaluation <i>Hemphill</i></p>	<p>COM 508-01 Structure of Modern English <i>Bauer</i></p>
6:25-9:05 PM	<p>COM 521-01 Key Concepts in Technical Communication <i>Stolley</i></p>	<p>COM 530-01 Standards-Based Web Design <i>Stolley</i></p>	<p>COM 543-01 Publication Management <i>Otterbacher</i></p>	<p>COM 580-01 Communication in Organizations <i>Hemphill</i></p>

INTERNET SECTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

COM 421-02
Technical Communication
TBA

COM 545-01
Writing for Academic Publication
Riley

COM 523-01
Communicating Science
Batson