



# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE COMMUNICATION

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

- Scheduling is flexible and convenient for the adult professional.
- Courses are offered on campus in the evenings, online, and in a combination of both on campus and online (hybrid).

## 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).

## Personalized Attention

With dedicated faculty members and small class sizes, you can focus on the lesson and freely express your thoughts and ideas with your peers.

## Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you will be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches 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 '18

## 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. General Education Requirements** **40 hours**

**B. Major Requirements** **42 - 66 hours**

Twenty-two hours in the core Communications major.

**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

**C. 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

**D. Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements** **12 hours**

**E. Electives** **0 - 30 hours**

**F. 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 Florida Resident Access Grant 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](mailto: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](http://www.flsouthern.edu/apply)
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205

