Students must complete a core set of courses, an internship or practicum in the field of political communication, and a set of electives. All speech communication majors with a minor in PCOM are required to take a three-credit hour internship in the School of Communication Studies or the Department of Political Science. POSC majors minoring in PCOM must complete POSC 495 to meet the internship requirement. PCOM minors taking SCOM internships must have completed the SCOM major core requirements prior to enrolling in SCOM 495. Students who are not SCOM majors or POSC majors may take POSC 495 or SCOM 318 to fulfill their internship requirement (and should contact the appropriate internship coordinator for details). Before pursuing any internship, students should consult with the PCOM coordinator to ensure that the internship is suitable for the minor.

For majors in communication studies or SMAD who minor in PCOM, a maximum double counting of six credit hours of course work between the minor and the home academic unit or major is permitted. There is no limit for double counting between the POSC major and the PCOM minor. All students must complete 25-26 credit hours for the minor.

**Required Courses**

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Choose one of the following:

- Non-POSC and SCOM majors
  - POSC 495 Internship (4 credits) or SCOM 318 Practicum in Communication Studies (4 credits)
  - POSC or SCOM majors
    - POSC 495. Internship (4 credits)
    - SCOM 495. Internship (3 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- POSC 365. American Political Campaigning
- POSC 369. Parties and Elections

Choose one of the following:

- SCOM 353. Political Communication
- SCOM 453. Political Campaign Communication

Choose two of the following:

- POSC 362. Political Behavior
- POSC 368. Interest Groups and Public Policy
- POSC 383. Women and Politics
- POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
- SCOM 341. Persuasion (SCOM majors only)
- SCOM 346. Free Speech in America
- SCOM 352. Communication and Social Movements
- SCOM 354. Communication, Environment and Environmentalism
- SCOM 431. Legal Communication

25-26 Credit Hours

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**Nonprofit Studies**

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The nonprofit studies minor prepares students from a variety of disciplines to understand the unique role of nonprofit organizations in American society today. Emphasis is placed on history, theory, legal issues and management topics. The minor includes a capstone seminar and a field experience in a nonprofit agency with the focus to be determined in conjunction with the adviser.

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19-21 Credit Hours

¹ This course has one or more prerequisites.

² A course to be determined in consultation with the nonprofit studies adviser.

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The program in political communication is designed for those students wishing to supplement their major programs with an emphasis on communication skills, knowledge and abilities specifically relevant to participation in political environments.

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**Russian Studies**

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This minor offers students a broad, cross disciplinary perspective on Russian culture, history, political institutions, economy and geography. This program deepens the students’ understanding and knowledge of the Russian and non-Russian peoples of the former Soviet Union, and prepares them for careers in teaching, government and international business.