PUBLIC RELATIONS MINOR

The minor in Public Relations (CMPR) situates professional practice within a context of the broader Communication Studies discipline. Interdisciplinary in nature, the minor exposes students to multiple conceptual frameworks while emphasizing applied skills.

Admission

Admission to the minor is competitive and limited. To be admitted to the minor, students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and score competitively on an entrance exam. Students should be aware that completing courses in the minor sequence does not guarantee admission into the minor.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing the PR minor, students will be able to:

- Create persuasive content using conventions and forms appropriate to a variety of professional and public contexts.
- Apply ethical standards to communication practices across multiple contexts.
- Demonstrate subject matter knowledge relevant to the field of public relations.
- Collaborate effectively in group problem-solving and decision-making situations.
- Articulate the relationship among disciplinary subject matter, metrics, and one or more non-academic contexts.

Course Requirements

The minor requires completion of 7 courses for a minimum of 22 semester hours. Some courses do have prerequisites, so students are encouraged to seek academic advising before pursuing the minor. CMST 2900 Communication Approaches to PR, CMST 3900 Principles of Public Relations, CMST 3910 Writing for Public Relations, and CMST 3920 Public Relations Strategies must be completed with a grade of B or higher. All other courses in the minor must be completed with a grade of C or higher. All courses must be taken in residence at LMU.

| Code | Title | Semester Hours | |
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| Required Courses | 3 | | |
| CMST 2900 | Communication Approaches to PR | 4 | |
| CMST 3900 | Principles of Public Relations | 3 | |
| CMST 3910 | Writing for Public Relations | 3 | |
| CMST 3920 | Public Relations Strategies | 3 | |
| CMST 3980 | Internship for CMST Minor Programs | 1 | |
| CMST 3XXX: To be selected from an approved list of CMST courses | | | |
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| Total Semester Hours | | | |

Approved CMST courses

| Code | Title | Semester Hours |
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| CMST 3150 | Persuasion | 4 |
| CMST 3180 | Leadership and Interpersonal Communication | n 4 |
| CMST 3310 | Media and Marketing Communication | 4 |
| CMST 3325 | Communication and Healthcare | 4 |

| CMST 3335 | Sport and Public Communication | 4 |
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| CMST 3350 | Nonprofit Communication Campaigns | 4 |
| CMST 3380 | Communication Consulting | 4 |
| CMST 3510 | Wires and Empires | 4 |
| CMST 3530 | Digital Rhetoric | 4 |

Sample Completion Plan

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| Course | Title | Semester Hours |
| Year 1 | | |
| Fall | | |
| CMST 2900 | Communication Approaches to PR | 4 |
| | Semester Hours | 4 |
| Spring | | |
| CMST 3900 | Principles of Public Relations | 3 |
| | Semester Hours | 3 |
| Year 2 | | |
| Fall | | |
| CMST 3910 | Writing for Public Relations | 3 |
| CMST 3XXX: Select | ed CMST course | 4 |
| | Semester Hours | 7 |
| Spring | | |
| CMST 3920 | Public Relations Strategies | 3 |
| CMST 3XXX: Select | ed CMST course | 4 |
| | Semester Hours | 7 |
| Year 3 | | |
| Fall | | |
| CMST 3980 | Internship for CMST Minor Programs | 1 |
| | Semester Hours | 1 |
| | Minimum Semester Hours | 22 |