

Department of Communication

Fall 2023 Graduate Course Descriptions

COM 6001: Theories and Histories of Communication

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This course introduces students to theory and research in communication, with a view to cultivating an appreciation for the interdisciplinary nature of communication study. A central aim of the course is to provide conceptual and historical orientation to some of the enduring questions, core research traditions, and significant theoretical perspectives that animate communication study. Students will become conversant with the major epistemological, ontological, and methodological traditions that characterize the field. Of importance is that we highlight the diverse ways in which our departmental faculty theorize the thinking, reading, and writing required of graduate study in the field, and to the communication program at USF. Through readings, discussions, written work, and presentations students will be exposed to the traditions, concepts, and practices that are necessary to graduate work

COM 6025: Health Communication

Dr. Ambar Basu

This course is a survey course on health communication. In this course, we make central the role of communication for health. While other disciplines (e.g., public health, health education, and medical sociology, and anthropology) also are concerned with health, communication is the only one that places an emphasis on messages, and the processes and outcomes related to messaging. We will explore how individuals' health behavior is framed by the levels/contexts in which we exist: individuals, interpersonal, organizational, community, and media. All along, we will also closely map newer directions in the field, and learn to locate erasures, absences, and co

