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Through: J. Emmett Winn, Associate Dean, CLA

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Subject: Changes to prerequisites for COMM 4000-level courses

The Department of Communication and Journalism requests that the prerequisites be changed for a majority of the COMM 4000-level courses. We have learned that some students simply bypass the departmental admissions process and enroll in our classes, which defeats our goal for controlling student numbers. Restricting our courses to majors or to students who acquire departmental approval will prevent students from taking the courses without being vetted through the admissions process. We would like these changes to become effective at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year. I have highlighted the requested changes in bold italics.

Current prerequisites for 4000-level COMM courses: RTVF 3300, COMM 3500, COMM 3600, and a 2.3. grade-point average.

Requested prerequisites for 4000-level COMM courses: RTVF 3300, COMM 3500, COMM 3600; 2.3 grade-point average; restricted to majors AGCO, COMM, JRNL, PRCM, RTVF or departmental approval.

List of COMM 4000-level courses to which requested prerequisites would apply:

COMM 4100: Communication Strategies of Social Movements
COMM 4400: Gender Communication
COMM 4410: Theories of Leadership
COMM 4470: Health Communication
COMM 4500: Message Structures and Information Processing
COMM 4600: Political Communication
COMM 4700: Legal Communication
COMM 4800: Interpersonal Communication
COMM 4810: Nonverbal Communication
COMM 4900: Independent Study in Communication
COMM 4970: Special Topics in Communication