

# COMMUNICATIONS (COM)

## COM 0950 — College Reading

### 4 Credit hours

Improves critical thinking, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills to develop students' abilities to successfully comprehend and retain information from texts. Incorporated in the course are note-taking, test-taking, library skills, time management, memorization and concentration skills which can shorten the time used for study, yet increase the productivity of the time spent interacting with texts.

## COM 0980 — Developmental Writing

### 3 Credit hours

Provides an introduction to writing at all levels (sentence, paragraph and essay) and to research methods and reinforces reading comprehension skills. This is a credit course and will be counted in a student's grade point average; however, it will not count toward graduation requirements or as an elective substitute.

## COM 0990 — Integrated Reading and Writing

### 3 Credit hours

Provides an introduction to critical reading and academic writing skills necessary to creating effective college level readers and writers. This course is offered in a co-requisite model with COM 1110.

**Corequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1110 — English Composition

### 3 Credit hours

Provides practice in sound organization and effective expression of ideas in original expository and argumentative compositions as well as the research paper. Extensive discussion of rhetorical modes and editing techniques.

**Transfer:** TM

**Prerequisites:** COM 0990 or placement.

## COM 1110H — English Composition (Honors Component)

### 0 Credit hours

Provides students with an academically challenging and enriching learning experience in preparation for completing the Rhodes State College Honors Program requirements. This honors course empowers students to create their own academic experiences through the completion of an honors learning project. The honors learning project is substantial, requires several weeks to complete, and includes a minimum of 15 hours of work. The student and the instructor must sign an Honors Contract within the first two weeks of the semester. This contract outlines the plans for the student's honors learning project and the date of submission.

**Prerequisites:** Acceptance into the Rhodes State College Honors Program  
**Corequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1140 — Technical Writing

### 3 Credit hours

Applies the principles of good writing in industrial and academic reporting, with emphasis on the techniques of presenting information graphically as well as in clear, concise, written form.

**Transfer:** TM.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1160 — Business Communications

### 3 Credit hours

Applies the principles of good writing to on-the-job and personal business letters, formal business reports and other types of business correspondence. Areas covered include proper letter format and strategies of reader oriented letter writing (e.g. effective employment applications, orders, inquiries, adjustments, refusals, memos) as well as research, oral presentations and assessment of career goals.

**Transfer:** TAG, TM.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1170 — Police Communications

### 3 Credit hours

Provides training in the development of occupational writing skills with emphasis on police reports, letters, and memos. Effective oral communication will be studied and practiced via formal presentations and interviews.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1200 — Writing in the Sciences

### 3 Credit hours

Provides a working knowledge of the typical writing tasks encountered in the scientific workplace. This course is an interdisciplinary course which builds upon the writing skills acquired in COM 1110 and the science skills acquired in the physical sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and social sciences (Sociology, Psychology). The course will cover principles and purposes critical to the scientific writing process, including such features as the collaborative nature of scientific writing; the importance of precision, clarity, and objectivity in scientific writing; and the role of ethics in scientific writing.

**Transfer:** TM.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1801 — Creative Writing: Fiction

### 3 Credit hours

Offers an introduction to the art and craft of writing short fiction. Students read and analyze published fiction. Students write scenes; write a short story; and discuss the writing of classmates.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

## COM 1980 — Research and Writing

### 1 Credit hour

Enables the student to work one-on-one with an instructor in learning persuasive, argumentative and research strategies; use of the library; and organization, development and documentation of the research paper. This course is intended for a transfer student who has taken an English composition course that did not cover writing a persuasive paper, an argumentative paper and a research paper. A student who has completed COM 1110 may not take COM 1980.

## COM 1990 — Independent Study in COM

### 1 Credit hour

Involves students on a one-to-one basis with an instructor on a term paper entailing reading, writing and discussion. The subject matter, to be set by the instructor, will relate to humanities or social sciences rather than to the student's technological field of study. A six to ten page paper will be assigned for each credit. Limit of 1 hour per semester; only 1 hour counts toward graduation.

**COM 2110 – Public Speaking****3 Credit hours**

Covers the analysis, formation, organization, development, and delivery of ideas and attitudes within contemporary issues by means of audience analysis and dialogue. Various rhetorical modes and group projects are also included.

**Transfer:** TAG, TM.

**COM 2110H – Public Speaking (Honors Component)****0 Credit hours**

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**Prerequisites:** Acceptance into the Rhodes State College Honors Program

**Corequisites:** COM 2110.

**COM 2213 – Verbal Judo****3 Credit hours**

Applies the area of redirecting behavior with words, i.e., tactical communication, while maintaining an attitude of professionalism. Extensive discussion and practice of rhetorical modes, listening techniques, and tactical theory are included.

**Transfer:** TM.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

**COM 2400 – Composition and Literature****3 Credit hours**

Builds on the writing foundational skills introduced in COM 1110 and emphasizes critical thinking and communication skills to promote skilled academic writing. Using literature as the course content, students focus upon essay writing in multiple genres. This course aims to develop the student's ability to communicate ideas about literature effectively by using the principles of the writing process.

**Transfer:** TM.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.

**COM 2400H – Composition and Literature (Honors Component)****0 Credit hours**

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**Prerequisites:** Acceptance into the Rhodes State College Honors Program

**Corequisites:** COM 2400.

**COM 2820 – AA Capstone Course**  **1 Credit hour**

Focuses on global diversity issues. This course combines two texts, one fiction and one non-fiction; of those texts one may be historical in nature while the other must be contemporary. A paper and a multiple intelligence project serve as the capstone project. To complete this project, which presents students' understanding of global diversity issues, students synthesize the textual information, combine that information with outside research and present the project to the class. They then write a reflection/expansion paper about their multiple intelligences project.

**COM 3110 – Advanced Composition****3 Credit hours**

Refines and improves writing and critical thinking skills. Expanding upon the topics encountered in English Composition (COM 1110), this course involves a wider range of rhetorical modes in exposition and persuasion, including responses to literature and film as well as the synthesis of primary and secondary research as it relates to social and historical issues. The course requires active communication with individuals of the local community in order to stress the value of writing as a social act.

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110 ("C" grade policy applies).