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**PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

DEGREE PROGRAM	<b>Communication, Minor in Alternative Dispute Resolution</b>
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	<b>B.A.</b>

**A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:** (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

This Change will formalize a reorganization that moves the Alternative Dispute Resolution minor from the Justice Department to the Communication Department effective Fall 2015 (the affected line position has moved effective Fall 2014).

**B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:**

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

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The program is both theoretical and pragmatic, designed to prepare students for the professional workplace or for advanced study.

**Major -- BA Degree**

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#).
2. Complete the [BA degree requirements](#).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*
  - A. Complete the following:
    - COMM F180--Introduction to Human Communication--3 credits
    - COMM F330--Intercultural Communication--3 credits
    - COMM F351--Gender and Communication--3 credits
    - COMM F401--Communication Research Methods--3 credits
    - COMM F425W--Communication Theory--3 credits
    - COMM F482W,O--Capstone Seminar in Communication--3 credits
  - B. Complete four of the following:\*
    - COMM F300X--Communicating Ethics\*\*\*--3 credits
    - COMM F320--Communication and Language--3 credits
    - COMM F321W--Nonverbal Communication--3 credits
    - COMM F322W--Communication in Interpersonal Relationships--3 credits
    - COMM F331O--Advanced Group Communication--3 credits
    - COMM F335O--Organizational Communication--3 credits

COMM F352--Family Communication--3 credits  
COMM F353--Conflict, Mediation, and Communication--3 credits  
COMM F380--Communication and Diversity--3 credits  
COMM F4320--Professional Public Speaking--3 credits  
COMM F441--Persuasion--3 credits  
COMM F462W--Communication in Health Contexts--3 credits  
COMM F475W--Applied Communication in Training and Development--3 credits

4. Minimum credits required - 120 credits

*\* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.*

*\*\* With approval of advisor, an appropriate level special topics or independent studies course in communication may be used to meet this requirement.*

*\*\*\* If taken to meet the upper-division of baccalaureate core requirement for Ethics/Values and Choices in the Perspectives in the Human Condition, then the student must take an additional F300- or F400-level communication course to complete the major.*

#### Minor

1. Complete the following:  
COMM F180--Introduction to Human Communication--3 credits  
COMM F330--Intercultural Communication (3)  
or COMM F351--Gender and Communication--3 credits
2. Complete communication electives at the F300 level or above--9 credits
3. Minimum credits required--15 credits

*Note: Courses designated as social science or humanities that are taken for the minor may also be used to fulfill social science and/or humanities distribution requirements for the BA degree.*

#### C. **PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:** (**Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format**)

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Communication courses are available online and in the classroom.

The minor in alternative dispute resolution gives students a theoretical background for and practice of alternative dispute resolution. The curriculum supports the developing restorative justice emphasis of the BA of justice, and is applicable to business administration, social work, psychology and counseling contexts.

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### Alternative Dispute Resolution

1. Complete the following:
  - ~~JUST COMM F201--Dispute Resolution and Restorative Practices--3 credits~~
  - ~~JUST F302 Dispute Systems Design 3 credits~~
  - ~~JUST F403 Law and Science of Arbitration 3 credits~~
  - ~~JUST F405 Clinic in Mediation, Conferencing and Circle Practices 3 credits~~
2. Complete ~~one~~ four of the following dispute resolution electives at the 300 level or above:
  - ~~JUST F315 Correctional Counseling and Rehabilitation 3 credits\*\*~~
  - ~~JUST F302 COMM F302--Dispute Systems Design --3 credits~~
  - ~~COMM F353 - Conflict, Mediation & Communication - 3~~
  - ~~JUST F401 COMM F451--Cross Cultural Conflict Analysis and Intervention--3 credits~~
  - ~~JUST F403 COMM F452--Law and Science of Arbitration--3 credits~~
  - ~~JUST F405 COMM F453--Clinic in Mediation, Conferencing and Circle Practices--3 credits~~
3. Minimum credits required--15 credits

Note: 400-level courses require junior standing or instructor permission

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\*\* ~~JUST F315 requires JUST F310 as a prerequisite. For nonjustice majors, taking JUST F401 avoids this extra course.~~

**D. ESTIMATED IMPACT**

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

**None. Both departments agree to the move: budget and facilities/space have already been agreed upon. The faculty member who primarily teaches the ADR minor courses has moved to the Communication Department effective Fall 2014.**

**E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:**

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?  
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

**Justice and Communications. Each program will submit a Form 5 to memorialize the reorganization.**

**F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:**

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

**N/A. The minor is making a department change only.**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED**

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

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SIGNATURES ATTACHED NEXT PAGE

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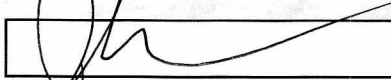

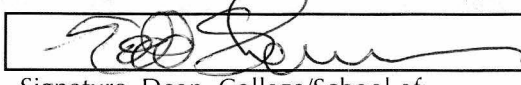
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