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## Cover page scroll over blue text to see further important [instructions](#instructions): [if not working select “COMMents on rollover” in your Word preferences under view] **please read these.**

**N.B. ALL numbered categories in section (A) must be completed. Please do not use highlight to select choices within a category but simply delete the options that do not apply to your proposal (e.g. in A.2 if this is a course revision proposal, just delete the creation and deletion options and the various program ones, so it reads “course revision”) Do not delete any of the numbered categories—if they do not apply leave them blank. If there are no resources impacted please put “none” in each A. 7 category.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **COMM 300W research methods for strategic communication** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable) | **comm 251W research methods in communication** |
| A. 1b. Academic unit | **Faculty of Arts and Sciences** |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course revision** |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Giselle Auger** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Communication** |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale) Note: Must include additional information in smart tip for all [new programs](#type) | **We are proposing to re-number COMM 251W: Research Methods to COMM 300W (i.e., changing it from a 200-level course to a 300-level course) to better reflect the current content and rigor of the course relative to other courses within the major, but the actual content will not be changing. Due to the higher prefix we are also changing the prerequisite to COMM 201W rather than 45 completed credits.****Additionally, we are proposing to change the course name from “Research Methods in Communication” to “Research Methods for Strategic Communication” to more accurately reflect the course content and focus, as well as the name change of the revised major, and we are changing the note at the end of the course description to address this prefix change****Further, we are updating the “Offered” section to better reflect when the course is offered.****Please note that COMM 251W is a prerequisite for a number of other Communication courses (255W, 320W, 323, 325, 412, 422, 460, 461, 485, 491), so these courses will need to be updated to reflect this change. A separate UCC proposal form will be submitted to address these changes. It is being dropped as a prerequisite for COMM 256—as shown in that proposal.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact)Must include to explain why this change is being made? | **This change will give current and prospective majors a more accurate understanding of the content and rigor of this course.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  | **None** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [*Faculty PT & FT*](#faculty):  | **None** |
| [*Library*:](#library) | **None** |
| [*Technology*](#technology) | **None** |
| [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **None** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2023** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) |  |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: Use the Word copy versions of the catalog sections found on the UCC Forms and Information page. Cut and paste into a single file **ALL the relevant pages from the college catalog that need to be changed.** Use tracked changes feature to show how the catalog will be revised as you type in the revisions. If totally new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all changes is preferred. Send catalog copy as a separate single Word file along with this form.  |
| A.11. List here (with the relevant urls), any RIC website pages that will need to be updated (to which your department does not have access) if this proposal is approved, with an explanation as to what needs to be revised:**\*\*\*Course number should be changed to 300W and course name should be changed to Research Methods for Strategic Communication on the following website pages:**<https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-communication/communication-ba>(“Writing in the Discipline” section under “Program Details”) |
| A. 12 **Check to see if your proposal will impact any of our** [**transfer** **agreements,**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cgauger_6325%5CDownloads%5Ctransfer%20agreements) **and if it does explain in what way. Please indicate clearly what will need to be updated.** N/A |
| A. 13 Check the section that lists “Possible NECHE considerations” on the UCC Forms and Information page and if any apply, indicate what that might be here and contact Institutional Research for further guidance. N/A |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if)  **Delete section B if the proposal does not include a new or revised course. As in section A. do not highlight but simply delete suggested options not being used. Always fill in b. 1 and B. 3 for context. NOTE: course learning outcomes and topical outlines only needed for new or substantially revised courses.**

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions))ONLY include information that is being revised, otherwise leave blank.  | NewExamples are provided within some of the boxes for guidance, delete just the examples that do not apply. |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **COMM 251W** | **COMM 300W** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **Research Methods in Communication** | **Research Methods for Strategic Communication** |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  | **Students will critique research from scholarly journals and apply a selected method in an original research proposal. Topics include communication research, quantitative and qualitative methods. This is a Writing in the Discipline (WID) course. (Formerly COMM 200.)  This is a Writing in the Discipline (WID) course.** | **Students will critique research from scholarly journals and apply a selected method in an original research proposal. Topics include communication research, quantitative and qualitative methods. This is a Writing in the Discipline (WID) course. (Formerly COMM 251W.)** |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | Completion of at least 24 college credits | **COMM 201W** |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) | **Fall, Spring** | **Spring** |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  |  |  |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) |  |  |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |  |
| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  |  |  |
| B.11. [Instructional methods](#instr_methods) |  |  |
| B.11.a [Delivery Method](#instr_methods) |  |  |
| B.12. CATEGORIES 12. a. [How](#required) to be used |  |  |
|  12 b. Is this an Honors  course? |  | **No** |
|  12. c. [General Education](#ge) N.B. Connections must include at  least 50% Standard Classroom instruction. |  | **No** |
|  12. d. Writing in the  Discipline (WID) |  | **Yes** |
| B.13. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance) |  |  |
| B.14 [Recommended class-size](#class_size" \o "Check appendix XVIII in the UCC Manual for Best Practices) |  |  |
| B.15. [Redundancy statement](#competing) |  |  |
| B. 16. Other changes, if any |  |

| B.17**.** [**Course learning outcomes**](#outcomes)**: List each one in a separate row** | [**Professional Org.Standard(s)**](#standards)**, if relevant** | [**How will each outcome be measured**](#measured)**?** |
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| B.18. [**Topical outline**](#outline)**: DO NOT INSERT WHOLE SYLLABUS, JUST A TWO-TIER TOPIC OUTLINE suitable for the contact hours requested. Proposals that ignore this request will be returned for revision.** |
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## D. Signatures

* **Changes that affect General Education in any way MUST be approved by ALL Deans and COGE Chair**.
* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and their relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs). Check UCC manual 4.2 for further guidelines on whether the signatures need to be approval or acknowledgement.
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates. Do NOT convert to a .pdf.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. THESE may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary proposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Giselle Auger | Chair of Communication | Giselle A. Auger | 2/24/2023 |
| Earl Simson | Dean of Faculty of Arts & Sciences | Earl Simson | 3/6/2023 |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS (and their relevant deans if not already included above) that are IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE UCC COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION; all faculty are welcome to attend.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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