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The Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication



Listening Course Spotlight

Get a sneak peak into one of our most popular Dial Center courses, Listening, with Dr. Athearn.

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Say Farewell to the Ambassador Leadership Program's graduating seniors, and read about their favorite memories from their time with the Dial Center

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Joining the Dial Center for a communications studies minor is a great addition to a college resume. Take a look at some frequently asked questions about our minor!

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Ambassador Leadership Program

The Ambassador Leadership Program is a two-year program designed to put the communication skills we all learn in our Dial Center classes into practice.

Ambassadors represent the Dial Center by utilizing their communication skills to highlight the Dial Center at numerous University events.

This program provides the chance to not only further enhance your communication abilities and receive the opportunity to learn leadership skills, but to also immediately put these transferable skills into practice. To all Communication Studies Minors: this program is a great way to become more involved with the minor AND make an impact.

Applications Are Open Now!

- * Develop your leadership and communication skills
- * Gain valuable hands-on experience
- * Prepare for success in any career

Information Sessions:

February 15th at 4 p.m.

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February 23rd at 4 p.m.

Application Deadline:

March 4, 2022

Visit our website for details:

cwoc.ufl.edu/programs/ambassador-program



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RECAP OF:

FALL 2021



The ambassadors collected over 400 pounds of nonperishable goods for the UF Field and Fork Pantry



To kick off the semester, the ambassadors participated in a Lake Wauburg field day



Ambassadors donned their Dial Center polos and posed for some stylish headshots



Dial Center Ambassadors spent the weekend painting the shared ALP/Speech and Debate Room

Listening with Dr. Athearn

ARTICLE BY TATYANA WHITE

Dr. Athearn's Listening course helps students become motivated to focus on understanding the people around them. As Dr. Athearn teaches, "that is one of the most important things that we can offer to another human being, is to give them the feeling that they are understood by someone." This course allows students to understand the importance of their role as a listener in the communication process through an interactive environment including having in-depth discussions about the different listening skill sets. There are so many misconceptions about listening, so in this course, Dr. Athearn states that she "shakes up students' worldview and lays down a fresh foundation." "Having students unlearn what they thought listening was so that they can understand, from a groundwork up, how to think about listening, conceptualize it, and how they can then create new building blocks to develop those important skill sets."

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DR. ATHEARN



Dr. Athearn's Listening course teaches skills that are applicable for students in any major. The skills learned can help students reach their professional and personal goals to be an exceptional listener. Moreover, this course teaches that listening is the very first communication skill we learn. We start discriminative listening before we even leave the womb. Not only is it the first communication skill we learn, it is the skill we use most often as we listen more than we speak, read, and write.

By the end of this course, Dr. Athearn wants students to see themselves as empowered listeners. Someone who is an empowered listener is someone who understands the different skill sets that can be applied to different listening situations. It is the ability to recognize what kind of listening tools you need to apply to a situation and be able to adjust your listening skill set to meet the needs of that situation.

Speech and Debate

The UF Speech and Debate Team is comprised of three squads: Public Debate, Competitive Debate, and Speech. Through competitions and workshops members are able to enhance their research, presentation, and argumentation skills.

Public Debate

The Public Debate Team performs on campus with debates about current issues, philosophical inquiries, historical contentions, and beyond. We are always open to new members and easy to join. Novice or not, this team will help enhance your skills in public speaking as well as argumentation.

Competitive Debate

The Competitive Debate squad is a team that travels nationally to compete in multiple forms of intercollegiate debate including IPDA and Policy. Through research and competition, the members learn about politics, critical theory, international relations, and argumentation.

Speech Team

The speech team is one of the competitive, traveling squads. Members on the speech team can select from diverse styles of speech and oral interpretation. They prepare on topics of their choosing; these speeches are used by the members to hone their skills and to compete nationally.

GRADUATION CORD CEREMONY

Are you **GRADUATING** this semester?

Celebrate your achievements and receive your **Communication Studies Minor cord** from the Dial Center!



Invitations to the ceremony will be sent **via email** to graduating seniors who have completed or are on track to complete the Communication Studies Minor this spring.

The Dial Center Presents...

The Communication Challenge 2022

What is it?

The annual Communication Challenge is a series of events designed to help students get involved with the Dial Center and strengthen their communication skills.

Upon successful completion, students will receive EXTRA CREDIT in one participating Dial Center class...AND a raffle entry for the chance to win prizes! You must be present at the Lake Wauburg Social to participate in our raffle.

The 2022 Communication Challenge kicks off with the **Student Open House & Game Night** on **February 8 at 5:00 p.m.** You don't want to miss it!

Follow our Instagram @ufdialcenter and send proof to ambassadors@cwoc.ufl.edu for one free raffle entry!

STAY TUNED TO OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTGRAM FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES

PARTICIPATION AND REWARDS

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

ANYONE can participate and earn raffle tickets.

Students in ANY participating course can earn extra credit.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Attend 3 events to Master the Challenge and earn:

- Extra credit in participating courses
- One raffle entry

For each additional activity you complete, you will earn 1 additional raffle entry!

You must be present at our Lake Wauburg Social to participate in the raffle. Details on the next page.

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- UF Bookstores



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Spring 2022 Communication Challenge

Schedule of Events

Open House Game Night

Tuesday 2/8, 4-5pm



Come join us for the kick-off event of the 2022 Comm Challenge! Meet your peers and enjoy a night of fun and games. Plus, you get to learn about Dial Center and everything it has to offer!

Ambassador Information Sessions

Tuesday 2/15, 5-6pm
Wednesday 2/23, 5-6pm



Learn about the Ambassador Leadership Program and see how it will transform your communication and leadership skills.

Interview Workshop

Tuesday 3/1, 4-5pm



About 9 in 10 Americans find interviews to be a stressful experience, but you do not have to be part of the statistic! Learn how to ace your interview with the Dial Center's Dr. Roberts!

Pre-Registration

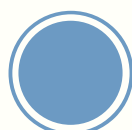
Thursday 3/17, 3-4pm



Be at the front of the line for course registration and speak with professors and students to learn about Dial Center courses. Don't miss out on the Dial Center Pre-registration Event!

Public Speakers Forum

Sunday 3/20, 2-4pm
170 Pugh Hall



Come witness the speaking competition between the best speakers of the thousands of students taking the Public Speaking course at the Dial Center each semester!

Impromptu Speech Workshop

Tuesday 3/22, 5-6pm



Learn all there is to know about impromptu speeches from some of the Dial Center's best public speakers, Speech and Debate!

Lake Wauburg Social

Saturday 4/9, 4-5pm



Join us for an afternoon of fun and games at the Lake Wauburg Social! Attendance at this event will make you eligible for our raffle of awesome prizes. Everyone is welcome!

Public Debates

Tuesdays: 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/22, 4/12 @ 7pm



Attend a public debate hosted by the UF Speech and Debate team to discuss hot-button topics!

Meet Our Graduating Ambassadors!

Here our ambassadors share some of their favorite memories from the Ambassador Leadership Program and their Dial Center classes...



My favorite part of being an ambassador is the people I do it with; it's a lot of fun day in, day out.

Christian Chase

My favorite Dial Center course is Small-Group Communication. This class prepared me for the work atmosphere that I will be in after college.

Nicole Crosdale



My favorite Dial Center class is Conflict Management & Negotiation. This is my favorite class because it taught me the reasons behind many of the arguments I was facing in my life.

Lucas Gelep



My most memorable moment as an Ambassador was the first time I ever tabled an event. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to talk to others about the minor.

Hannah Nemery



My favorite part about being an ambassador is the constant opportunity for growth, especially with leadership skills and public speaking.

Lauren McClure





My favorite Dial Center class is called Language and Power with Dr. Butler. I love this class because it challenges your viewpoint.

Anna Peterson

My favorite class in the dial center was definitely Listening with Dr. Athearn. This class changed the way I interact with everybody in my life from my close relationships to customers.



Cameron Lathan



The Ambassador Leadership Program has shown me that it is so much more than a school program: it is a place you can turn to for friendship and support.

Erika Clesi

My favorite Dial Center class was Dr. Athearn's Listening. The tools I learned benefit me, even today, and the experience of the class really catapulted my passion for communication!



Yessenia Perez

Farewell to our graduating ambassadors!

Our graduating ambassadors have left a huge impact on the Dial Center. They will be missed!

If you're interested in joining the Ambassador Leadership Program, read more about it on **page 2**, or come to one of our information sessions.

FAQs

With Dr. Roberts

Hi! I'm glad you enjoyed our class and I'm happy to answer any questions! The application and instructions to add a minor are located on our website.

The course Media and Society (RTV3405) counts towards our minor. There are other courses that may substitute for SPC2608 and SPC2300 as well!

That's a great question! You could take any other course in the Dial Center. Please let us know if you have any other questions!

Hi Dr. Roberts, I took a class in the Dial Center and loved it! My instructor said I should consider the Comm Studies minor. How do I declare the minor?

A friend of mine told me that there are classes in other departments that I could take that would count for the minor, is that true?

The requirements for the minor include 2 core courses, 9 credits of 3000+ level classes, and 3 credits at any level. What can I do with those last 3 credits?

Thank you so much for your help, I'm so excited to join the minor!

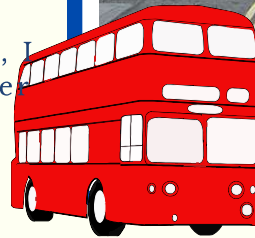
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Intercultural Communication

with Erika Clesi

Studying abroad at Royal Holloway-University of London (RHUL) for the fall semester was such an exciting experience! RHUL is in Egham, England, and is a short train ride to London. The host family I stayed with lives in a town called Staines-upon-Thames, or simply "Staines." I think Staines and Egham closely resembled Branford, my hometown in Florida, which made me feel more at home. However, going to London the first time was a completely different experience! I was totally thrown out of my element trying to navigate the city's buses, trains, and the London Underground.

My best piece of advice to students looking to travel (especially for the first time) is to be open and have patience. It wasn't easy learning how to navigate England (especially train stations like Clapham Junction), but over time, I got more and more used to it and became better at navigating its large traffic system.



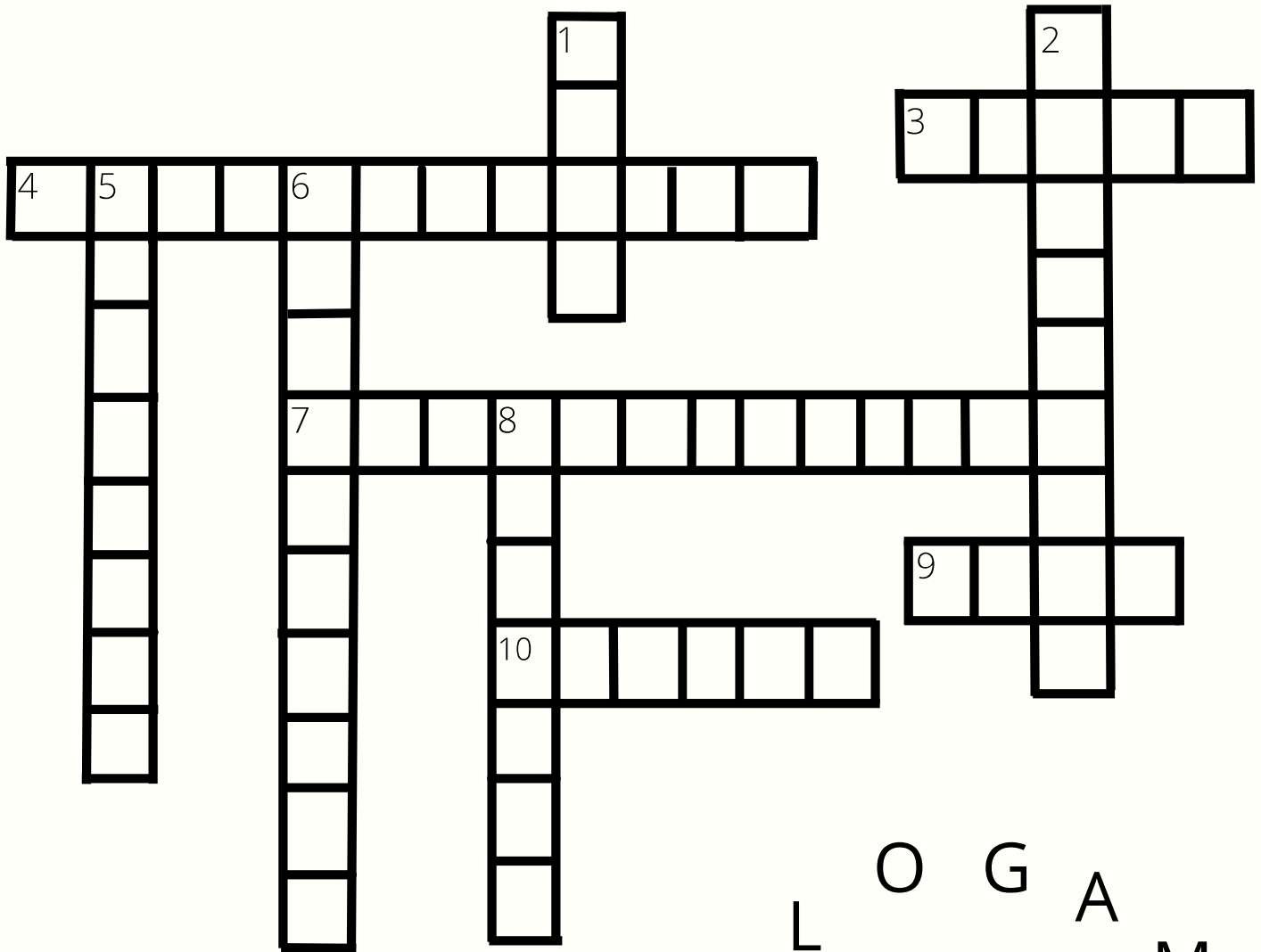
However, a lot of this knowledge didn't come to me overnight! Prior to my studies at RHUL, I took Intercultural Communication with Dr. Jung, which is a course offered by the Dial Center. I think this course was key to my travel success.

Intercultural communication has taught me to appreciate the differences in traditions between English and American culture. You may even find after a while that you prefer the traditions your host country has rather than those of your home country! One tradition I loved in the U.K. was my host family's Sunday roast, which is like having a Thanksgiving dinner at the end of every week.

While in London, I visited places like the National Gallery, Twinings (London's oldest tea shop!), the British Library, the London Eye, and Windsor Castle. Feel free to reach out and ask me anything! I plan to go back to the U.K. soon.

Dial Center Wordscapes

Communication Edition



Instructions:

1. Use the letters on the right to form communications-related words that fit properly in the blanks
2. Letters can be used more than once
3. Check out our social media pages for hints if you get stuck!

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