**PUBLIC RELATIONS MINOR**

for the Minor in Public Relations

**department website:** [https://media.illinois.edu/advertising/degrees-programs/pr-minor](https://media.illinois.edu/advertising/degrees-programs/pr-minor)

**department faculty:** [Advertising Faculty](https://media.illinois.edu/advertising/faculty), [Journalism Faculty](https://media.illinois.edu/journalism/faculty)

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** [College of Media](http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/media)

**college website:** [https://media.illinois.edu/](https://media.illinois.edu/)

The Public Relations (PR) minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with a foundational understanding of how public relations practitioners manage relationships between organizations and their stakeholders and manage the reputations of those organizations. Courses within the PR minor will help students develop skills in writing, research, strategic planning, relationship management, and crisis communication that can be applied in business, nonprofit, or government contexts.

Students who plan to pursue careers in public relations, advertising, communications, marketing, or other related fields will find that the PR minor serves as a valuable complement to the courses in their major. Students from other majors who wish to have a better understanding of the role public relations plays in organizations and who wish to sharpen skills in writing, persuasion, strategic planning, and public communication will also benefit from the minor. The minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours. Students majoring in Advertising or Journalism must complete at least six hours of advanced course work for the minor distinct from credits earned for their major.

**Programs in Advertising**

**Undergraduate Programs:**
- **major:** [Advertising, BS](http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/media/academic-units/advertising/#undergraduatetext)
- **major:** [Computer Science & Advertising, BS](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/departments/advertising/csadv)
- **minor:** [Public Relations](p. 1)

**Graduate Programs:**
- **degree:** [Advertising, MS](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/advertising-ms)
- **degree:** [Strategic Brand Communication, MS](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus_media/strategic-brand-communication-ms)

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**Advanced topics in public relations**

Students must select one course from:
- ADV 350  Writing for Public Relations
- JOUR 210  Newsgathering Across Platforms
- CMN 220  Communicating Public Policy

**Advanced topics in public relations**

Students must select two courses from:
- ADV 393  Advertising and Society
- ADV 490  Advanced Special Topics in Advertising
- ADV 494  Persuasion Consumer Response
- JOUR 360  The Media and You
- JOUR 453  Crisis Communications
- JOUR 460  Special Topics
- CMN 321  Strategies of Persuasion
- CMN 377  Propaganda and Modern Society
- CMN 464  Health Communication Campaigns

**Total Hours:** 18-19

1. Will be announced in course description as "Eligible for PR minor."

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