# Boise State University
## Foundational Studies Course

**Course Number and Title:** COMM 471

## Course Design Table

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  • Assess a particular interpersonal communication practice or problem or answer a specific research question by applying researched understandings of the communicative aspects of interpersonal relationships to either propose recommendations for improving interpersonal communication practices, offer possible solutions to interpersonal communication problems, or respond cogently to proposed research questions.  | • Research topic proposal  
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  • Final research paper  | • Write a short essay proposing the study of a particular interpersonal communication problem or practice or proposing a particular research question to explore  
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| ULO 4a: Innovation | | • Facilitate in-class discussions about individual research projects and participate in the discussions as an active listener  
• Assess a particular interpersonal communication practice or problem or answer a specific research question by applying researched understandings of the communicative aspects of interpersonal relationships to either propose recommendations for improving interpersonal communication practices, offer possible solutions to interpersonal communication problems, or respond cogently to proposed research questions. | • Research paper facilitated discussion  
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<td>• Facilitate in-class discussions about individual research projects and participate in the discussions as an active listener • Review the research and writing of others and provide helpful recommendations for enhancing academic arguments</td>
<td>• Research project development discussions • Peer review activity • Research paper facilitated discussion</td>
<td>• Collaboratively discuss progress toward developing independent research project • Engage in a peer review of a completed draft of other student’s research paper(s) • Formally facilitate conversation regarding their research project (including defending ideas among classmates).</td>
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