



Life Sciences Communication

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Ph.D. Minor in Life Sciences Communication

INFORMATION AND CHECKLIST

(Last updated: July 2020)

The LSC Ph.D. minor is administered by the graduate program of the Department of Life Sciences Communication. In order to complete the Ph.D. minor, students are required to complete the following steps:

While taking courses:

- Complete 10 credits of relevant graduate coursework as outlined below and earn at least a B or better in each course.
- Fill out LSC Minor Course Form.
- Obtain signature from LSC Director of Academic Programs on completed LSC Minor Course Form and submit form to LSC Student Services Coordinator.

Before taking prelims:

- Obtain signature from LSC Director of Academic Programs for preliminary warrant. After the prelim warrant is submitted to the Graduate School, the Ph.D. minor appears on the student's record.

Core Requirements (4 graduate credits):

- LSC 700: Colloquium in Life Sciences Communication (1 credit)
- LSC 720: Introduction to Communication Theory and Research *or* LSC 902: Public Opinion of Life Science Issues *or* LSC 823: Science and Environment Communication *or* LSC 625: Risk Communication (3 credits)

Contact the LSC Student Services Coordinator for course availability information.

Approved Electives (6 graduate credits):

- LSC 350: Visualizing Science and Technology
- LSC 430: Communicating Science with Narrative
- LSC 432: Social Media for the Life Sciences
- LSC 435: Theory & Practice of Integrated Marketing Communication
- LSC 440: Contemporary Communication Technologies and their Social Effects
- LSC 450: Documentary Photography for the Sciences
- LSC 532: Web Design for the Sciences
- LSC 560: Scientific Writing
- LSC 617: Health Communication in the Information Age
- LSC 625: Risk Communication
- LSC 660: Data Analysis Communication Research
- LSC 806: Conceptualization and Design of Mass Communication Research
- LSC 823: Science and Environment Communication
- LSC 875: Special Topics
- LSC 902: Public Opinion of Life Science Issues

Important note:

- Any course from this list or any course offered by LSC graduate faculty at or above the 700 level can be counted toward the six-credit elective requirement. This excludes independent study, independent research and thesis credit. However, this includes special topics courses approved by the LSC graduate committee and indicated by the course number 875.

**Ph.D. Minor in
Life Sciences Communication
College of Agricultural & Life Sciences**

LSC MINOR COURSE TRACKING FORM

Student Name: _____

Course number	Course name	Instructor	Credits	Semester / Year	Grade
LSC 700	Colloquium in Life Sciences Communication		1		
LSC 720*	Introduction to Communication Theory and Research		3		
Total Credits				* If LSC 720 is not offered, LSC 625, LSC 823, or LSC 902 can be substituted for this requirement.	

LSC Ph.D. Minor requirements completed:

Signature, Director of Academic Programs
Department of Life Sciences Communication

Date completed