APPLIED SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES (DUAL DEGREE)

Applied Science in Communication Studies/Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy

St. Kate’s offers the opportunity to apply a student’s liberal arts education in the field of occupational therapy through a unique 3+3 dual-degree program in applied science in communication studies/master of arts in occupational therapy (MAOT). The dual-degree program allows students to complete their bachelor's degree while pursuing the MAOT degree.

As an applied science in communication studies major, students enrolled in the College for Women will complete the communication studies pre-occupational therapy sequence of courses and supporting work for the MAOT program. This includes courses in biology, anatomy, physiology, psychology, and statistics while providing a special emphasis in communication studies.

The communication studies courses focus on developing a theoretical understanding and practical skill in written, oral and electronic communication and dedication to the responsible use of communication - both verbal and nonverbal. The curriculum also offers students the opportunity to develop their powers of clear explanation and persuasion, which are the keys to success for professional communicators. If students choose to complete the fourth-year course work prior to applying for the MAOT program they will be prepared to work in a variety of areas of the communication studies discipline.

To enroll in this program, students apply to the MAOT program during their junior year. If they are admitted to the MAOT program, they receive a B.A. or B.S. (the student’s choice) in applied science in communication studies upon completion of the first year of the MAOT program. The curriculum for the applied science in communication studies major is listed in the Pre-Professional Programs, Pre-Occupational Therapy (catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs/preoccupational-therapy) section of this catalog.

Applied Science in Communication Studies/Master of Public Health

St. Kate’s offers the opportunity to apply a student’s liberal arts education in the field of public health through a unique 3+2 dual-degree program in applied science in communication studies/master of public health, global health focus (MPH). The dual-degree program allows students to complete their bachelor’s degree while pursuing the MPH degree.

As an applied science in communication studies major, students enrolled in the College for Women will complete the communication studies pre-public health sequence of courses and supporting work for the MPH program. This includes courses in global health, statistics, biology or chemistry and statistics while providing a special emphasis in communication studies.

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