

### Written Topic Options

**Option #1 – Application of Theory:** Pick a theory that you learned about in one or more of your communication courses and write a paper about why you find the theory interesting and how it applies to various media artifacts, organizational communication or leadership problems, or practices in the workplace. **(10-pg. minimum and 5 scholarly sources/references minimum).**

**Option #2 – Theory Evaluation:** Pick a media artifact, an organizational communication problem, a leadership case study, or a practice/set of practices in the workplace to analyze using theories and concepts from your communication courses, and write a detailed analysis of the artifact, problem, case study, or practice you have chosen. **(10-pg. minimum and 5 scholarly sources/references minimum).**

**Option #3 - Address ALL of the following prompts in a written response/reflection:**

1. Discuss your motivations for pursuing your communication degree/track and how your professional/life goals were informed or even changed by your studies.
2. Select a minimum of two-three communication courses in your degree program you would like to evaluate in this essay.
3. Moving from course to course, review/research and state several different foundational theories that informed your studies with definitions of important concepts – be specific in the source for these definitions.
4. Compare and contrast these definitions and select (or construct) a definition that most resonates with you. Clearly state your reasoning for selecting that definition by situating their importance within some personal examples that provide specific relevance.
5. Discuss the knowledge that you have gained in communication that was most surprising to you or share what made you decide to major in your area of communication. Again, cite specific courses in your response and the learning experiences in those courses that made the greatest impact.
6. Finally, discuss how your cumulative studies informed your experiences with any non-coursework-based experiences: work-family relationships, research, projects, instruction, internships, community service, etc. **(10-pg. minimum and 5 scholarly sources/references minimum).**