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SUMMER
SPRINGBOARD

Communication & Society

New student admissions for
summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll
focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Learn how to critically analyze social norms and news articles
- Learn the basic history of social movements pertaining to gender, sexual orientation and race
- Develop essential public speaking skills
- Learn the basics of argumentative writing
- Learn how to communicate about controversial topics

2026 Dates

- Session 2: July 19 - July 31



Academic Program Overview

Are you interested in learning how you can make a positive impact on the world through your future career? This course is focused on developing communication skills pertaining to important topics impacting all professions. Topics include gender, race, culture, diversity, and inclusivity. Interpersonal communication on complex topics, dealing with conflict, and the development, maintenance and termination of personal and professional relationships will be discussed.

We live in a world where knowledge of the complexities of social identities is vital to success. Even more important, is the ability to communicate comfortably about these complexities. Students will explore their own social emotional intelligence and how tapping into this can help them in any future career from construction management, to engineering, to psychology, to business, to ethnic studies to a future as a nurse or educator.



Excursions

Potential excursions include the Mayor's Office and the Lumina Alliance.

Instructors

Dr. Christina Kaviani PhD.

Dr. Christina Kaviani is a lecturer in the Department of Communications and the Department of Women's, Gender & Queer Studies (WGQS) at Cal Poly and has over a decade of experience in the field of gender-based violence prevention education and response. She currently teaches theories, approaches, and debates on gender and violence, with an emphasis on the complex intersections of sexuality with race, ethnicity, class, nation, age, religion, and/or able-bodiedness.



Course Structure

There are nine three-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Tuition Information:

Residential Students

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,398

Commuter Students

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$2,998

Supplements:

- Application fee: starting at \$99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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