

Communication Studies

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Undergraduate major: communication studies (BA)

Undergraduate minors: communication studies; rhetoric and persuasion

Graduate degrees: MA in communication studies; PhD in communication studies

Faculty: <https://communicationstudies.uiowa.edu/people/faculty>

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Facilities

The Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building is designed to meet the department's research and technological needs.

Communication studies students benefit from a range of research and production facilities that support inquiry, media creation, and collaborative learning. Departmental resources include research labs for studying interpersonal communication, dialogue, and media processes, as well as flexible project spaces used for applied communication work and student-led research.

The department maintains modern media production facilities, including digital video and audio studios, editing suites, and collaborative workstations. Students also have access to a professional podcast production studio equipped with industry-standard recording and mixing technology for course assignments, creative projects, and independent productions.

In addition to these departmental spaces, communication studies students have full access to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Production Unit, a comprehensive media and event production service that supports high-quality video, audio, podcasting, and livestream projects across campus. The Production Unit offers professional equipment, studio environments, and technical expertise—providing students with opportunities to learn production workflows, collaborate with media professionals, and gain experience with advanced production technologies.

Together, these facilities offer hands-on opportunities for students to apply communication theory, practice media production, conduct original research, and develop the creative and practical skills essential for communication-focused careers.

The Department of Communication Studies also maintains the Writing Center. Located in the English-Philosophy Building, the Writing Center is free and available to all University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff. Writing Center consultants can work with students on any kind of writing project, from course papers and creative writing assignments to speeches, presentations, and job application materials.