

Communication Studies

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Undergraduate major: communication studies (BA)

Undergraduate minor: communication studies

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

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Communication creates meaning and builds worlds. The mission of the Department of Communication Studies is to explore the central role that communication plays in shaping our relationships, institutions, and societies. The department prepares students to serve as innovative scholars, engaged citizens, effective communicators, and visionary leaders in all of the communities they inhabit.

Forensics/Debate

Students in the forensics/debate program have the opportunity to participate in on-campus debates, in developmental programs designed to improve speech activities in the state, and as members of competitive intercollegiate debate teams. Forensics scholarships are available. Students interested in debate should enroll in COMM:2813 Practicum in Debate.

Related Certificates

Certificate in Event Management

The departments of Communication Studies; Health, Sport, and Human Physiology; and Marketing, and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication collaborate to offer the undergraduate Certificate in Event Management. Students who earn the certificate will know and be able to demonstrate the basic principles of organizing a successful event. They will gain a robust understanding of the diverse field of event management and careers in the event management industry. For more information, see the Certificate in Event Management in the catalog.

Certificate in Leadership Studies

The Certificate in Leadership Studies is an interdisciplinary program supported by the Tippie College of Business, the colleges of Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. The certificate provides a structure for involvement and commitment to leadership. It introduces students to leadership concepts and offers them hands-on leadership experiences. The certificate is coordinated by the Pomerantz Career Center and housed in University College. For more information, see the Certificate in Leadership Studies in the catalog.