



COMMUNICATION STUDIES

When we decide to study communication, we invite ourselves into a set of questions that suggest no easy answers. Rather than limiting ourselves to studying the outcomes of social, political, and economic processes, we examine those processes themselves - and the discourses, languages, and signifying systems that constitute those processes. Since 1989, students and faculty in the Department of Communication Studies have examined communication as a primary social process. Our program continues to be the largest major in the College of Arts and Science, and we proudly send our graduates into top graduate programs and into meaningful careers that value the critical, curious, and rigorous perspectives that our students hold.



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES?

Many careers, including:

- Entertainment industry
- Law
- Academics
- Journalism
- Non-profit & advocacy work
- Foreign Relations
- Lobbyist
- Marketing & Advertising
- Public Relations
- Teaching abroad
- And more!



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Now you're a
Communication Studies Major!



It's Easy as 1 2 3!
Practical Advice to navigate your major

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MAP IT...

DO IT...

DONE!

In what order and when should you take your requirements?

1. Take 101 and 130 before any upper division classes.
2. Take 300 as your first upper division course.
3. Take 365 as soon as possible.
4. Pick a concentration that interests you! You are still a communication studies major.
5. Electives listed in each concentration are recommendations that are most relevant; all UD courses may be counted as electives.
6. Don't be scared of public speaking – you can do it!
7. Take classes in the early morning, it's good for the soul.
8. Friday classes justify "happy hour."
9. Remember: interesting classes and opportunities are offered during summer and intersession, at USD and abroad!
10. If you don't know who your advisor is... ask the office staff.

How can I make the most of my major?

1. Meet your Communication advisor...stop by during office hours.
2. Become familiar with the required courses and check out your DARS report. Once you've declared, all requirements are listed on your report.
3. Attend the "welcome to the major" meeting. Ask all your questions. The sooner you know the answer the better.
4. Sign up and read "major mail" and join the Facebook group.
5. Meet the office staff – they can help you a lot!
6. Check out Communication courses offered in our Study Abroad programs – both during the semester as well as summer and intersession.
7. Find out about Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society for juniors & seniors.
8. Learn about clubs that are relevant to the communication major.
9. Attend extra activities sponsored by the Comm department – it's fun to talk with faculty and students outside of class.
10. Go to class... Because as Woody Allen said, "80 percent of being successful is showing up."

Ready to graduate?

1. Check your DARS...will you complete 124 units including 48 upper division before graduation?
2. Is your pie mostly green? Ok...download and print your petition to graduate before the end of your junior year.
3. Meet with your advisor and map your final semester(s). Have your advisor sign the petition.
4. Drop off your petition in the main Comm office (C126) to await the chair's signature. A member of the office staff will forward it to the registrar.
5. Do all of this as early as your second semester junior year.
6. Did you forget? Do it now.
7. Connect with faculty you may want to use as a professional or academic reference.
8. Make plans for graduation weekend – your parents and extended family will be proud.
9. Do something you've been putting off since you arrived.
10. Enjoy being a college student before you have to start working!