



EXPLORE

**UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES
IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

Bachelor of Arts
Minor in Film Studies
Minor in Media Studies
Minor in Political Communication



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMUNICATION STUDIES AT COLORADO STATE

A degree in communication studies is fiercely relevant. You will gain public speaking, critical thinking, interpersonal, and intercultural skills that set you above your peers, reward you financially, and serve you for life.



In the Classroom

Communication is central to our personal, professional and civic lives. Our faculty and students explore how to successfully communicate across these contexts no matter the purpose.

You will study oral, written, nonverbal, visual, and digital communication whether through film, television, popular culture, relationships, organizations, public communication, work or citizenship.

Beyond the classroom

Facilitate

Learn how to work with a wide variety of local institutions to analyze issues, design public events, host forums, and write reports as a Center for Public Deliberation student facilitator.

Intern

Expand your understanding of communication principles and practices through internships in professional environments.

Promote

Organize and promote the weeklong ACT Human Rights Film Festival, which hosts the best in human rights cinema and filmmakers from around the world.

Research

Work on faculty-led teams conducting research that advances the academic discipline and helps you learn key research methods and bolsters your resume.

Lead

Build community with members of the Communication Studies Club while gaining leadership, volunteer, and professional development experience.



OUR COMMUNITY

Educators, Researchers, Role Models

Courses are taught by award-winning faculty who are committed to teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty mix their passion for scholarship with fun in the classroom as they inspire students to discover their inner voices and expand their horizons. They will hold you to a life-changing standard of excellence and inquiry.

Spacious and Innovative

Our department is located on the second floor of the Behavioral Sciences Building in the heart of campus. You'll often see us refueling at the student-run coffee shop on the first floor. Students and faculty conduct ground-breaking research using a wide variety of social science methods in our Laboratory for Engaged Communication, located across the 'street' in the newly renovated William O. Eddy Building.

Global Reach and Cultural Immersion

Our students and faculty are drawn to international opportunities for education and research. Faculty lead summer programs in Italy, Spain, and South Korea and teach on Semester at Sea voyages. Students earn credits, gain cultural communication competencies, and expand their world view. Several department scholarships support these opportunities.



ON THEIR TERMS

The academic and professional paths our students pursue vary greatly.

Some freshmen start as communication studies majors while others choose the degree later in their undergraduate career. Our students are not afraid to discover and hone the knowledge, skills, and perspectives that define their unique paths.



JANAE BROWN ('19)

Brown double majors in communication studies and ethnic studies. In 2018 she received an Outstanding Junior in the College of Liberal Arts award for her work towards diversity and inclusion and her commitment to helping students who hold marginalized identities gain visibility and support on campus.

"There are so many things that this major has taught me, but I think the most valuable lesson is that everyone needs a good communicator. Every company, every team, and every relationship needs someone who can communicate affectively and effectively."



MIGUEL BANUELOS GARCIA ('20)

The first in his family to attend college, Miguel serves as a Admissions Ambassador and every day applies the knowledge and skills he has gained from his communication studies coursework.

"I became a communication studies major because it allowed me to challenge my critical thinking skills. In the process I have identified the power people have in speaking. We have rhetorical agency to persuade, inform, and help our communities. Ten years from now I hope to be in Washington D.C., advocating for human rights and influencing policy."



YOU BELONG HERE



Whether you are the first in your family to attend college, are returning to school after many years away, or know exactly what you want to do when you graduate from CSU – we welcome you to our community and respect the history, challenges, dreams, and ambitions that guide the pursuit of your education.

We honor your voice, your identity, and your ideas.

Our department is committed to fulfilling the university's Principles of Community: Integrity – Inclusion – Social Justice – Service – Respect. These principles are the backbone of our community.

May you always feel at home.



Greg Dickinson
Professor
Department Chair

Elizabeth Williams
Associate Professor
Director, Undergraduate Studies

DEGREE AT-A-GLANCE

Your coursework encompasses the study of oral, written, nonverbal, visual, mediated, and digital communication within three areas: media and visual culture, relational and organizational studies, and rhetoric and civic engagement.

120 Total Credit Hours

42 Credits of Upper Division

Minor Required: 21 Credit Minimum

REQUIRED COURSES

Communication and Popular Culture
Relational and Organizational Communication
Public Speaking
Rhetoric in Western Thought
Public Argumentation
Communication Studies Capstone

MAJOR ELECTIVES

Choose 27 credits of department electives

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Choose 18 credits in the liberal arts



Future students contact

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