UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts
Minor in Film Studies
Minor in Media Studies
Minor in Political Communication
COMMUNICATION STUDIES AT COLORADO STATE

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.

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 through film, television, popular culture, relationships, organizations, public communication, work, and citizenship.

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 discuss 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.

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.

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Miguel Banuelos Garcia (’20)

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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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(970) 491-1194 or cla_recruitment@colostate.edu

Academic Success Center
Call (970) 491-3117 for an appointment.

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