

Department of Communication Fulton School of Liberal Arts



PROGRAMS

MAJOR

- Communication

CONCENTRATIONS

- Community and Professional Communication
- Media Production
- Media Studies
- Multimedia Journalism
- Public Relations and Strategic Communication

MINORS

- Communication
- Media Production
- Multimedia Journalism

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- M.A. in Public Communication

Communication shapes our engagement with the world. Knowledge and understanding of communication and strong communication skills allow us to create and maintain effective relationships, critically engage with the culture, and encourages creative self-expression.

A degree in communication enables success in many careers from filmmaking to fundraising, from social media to sales, from reporting to recruiting, and from health care to hospitality.

About the Department

The Communication (COMM) Department offers a diversified curriculum and helps prepare students for a wide range of careers and graduate study.

The department offers a Bachelor of Arts with five concentrations, three minors for students wanting to compliment degrees with important communication skills and a graduate program in public communication.

The Communication Department faculty have been recognized with several awards, including the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship, Alumni Faculty Appreciation Award and the Outstanding Registered Student Organization (RSO) Advisor Award. Faculty have won top research and leadership awards from organizations such as National Communication Association and Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Outstanding Facilities

Media production classes are held in the state-of-the-art Integrated Media Center (IMC). At 18,500 square-feet, the IMC may be the most technologically advanced facility of its kind at any Maryland higher education institution. The center features a 3,000-square-foot high-definition digital video production studio and a 24-track audio recording studio. These studios are supported by 15 video editing suites and five audio editing suites. Our Journalism Lab features industry standard software, including Adobe, Avid and the Associated Press Newsroom. Our Public Relations Classroom is a professional environment built for collaboration and project planning.



Beyond the Classroom

The department offers many opportunities for students to practice the skills and concepts they learn in settings outside the classroom. We have several student groups, including the Society of Professional Journalists, the Public Relations Student Society of America, SU-TV and Lambda Pi Eta – the national communications honors society.

Department faculty routinely offer courses in Chile, India, Scotland and Vietnam for COMM majors and other SU students who wish to participate in off-campus learning. The COMM Department also has a Global Experiences Internship program that places students in such locations as Italy, Ireland, Spain and the U.K.

Students who are eligible may enroll in an internship to gain credit for working in an organization outside the University. Recent students have completed internships at sites including the Baltimore Orioles, Aflac, WNBA, Washington Capitals, Walt Disney World, TidalHealth, Wicomico County Chamber of Commerce and The Washington Center. There are practicum experiences available at various on and off-campus organizations.

The department has strong connections with local media and works closely with local community organizations, furthering our commitment to civic engagement.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have graduated from the Communications Department have gone on to careers in:

- Sports Reporting
- Public Affairs
- Filmmaking
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Health Care Management
- Event Planning
- Nonprofit Leadership
- Social Media Management
- Hospitality
- News Producer
- Screenwriting

STUDENT GROUPS

- The Flyer
- PRSSA
- Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)
- WXSU
- SU-TV
- Lambda Pi Eta: National Communication Honor Society

FACULTY

Chair

- James Burton, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Professors

- Vinita Agarwal, Ph.D.
- Jennifer Cox, Ph.D.
- Chrys Egan, Ph.D.
- Andrew Sharma, Ph.D.

Associate Professors

- Joshua Bolton, Ph.D.
- Aaron Gurlly, Ph.D.
- Eun-Jeong Han, Ph.D.

Assistant Professors

- Carolina Bown, Ph.D.
- Nathaniel Hartman, M.F.A.
- Freda Akosua Lekey, Ph.D.
- Meredith Morgoch, Ph.D.
- Casey Stratton, Ph.D.

Lecturers

- Amanda Welch-Hamill, M.F.A.



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