



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES



ABOUT US We provide our students contemporary course offerings and flexible degree programs that fit their schedules and meet them where they are. Our faculty come from around the world (and even MSU Denver) and are fully committed to providing diverse and inclusive learning environments. We ensure students are gaining advanced communication, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and analytical skills and strategies they can take into the real world while staying on track for graduation.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES Our Department is committed to helping students develop their skills as communicators in order to thrive in their personal, professional, and public lives. Students can develop their skills by joining MSU Denver Debate which has gained local and national recognition for its work and offers international debate and cultural exchange opportunities or MSU Denver's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta (LPH), the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities which offers networking events.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL MSU Denver is among the most affordable four-year universities in the nation. Not only do we offer a high quality education at a low cost, our Department offers flexible program options whether you want to be fully in-person or online or have a combination of the two, we have a program that's right for you. We also have unique resources like our Presentation Lab that delivers tailored, one-on-one personal and professional coaching that takes your talk to the next level.



ALUMNI QUOTE "My Communication [Studies] major provided me with new lenses and perspectives on how I better make sense of myself, culture, and society through recognizing the deep power and impact of communication; a tool often taken for granted."

Andrew Ortiz-Martinez,
MSU Denver '22, Communication Studies, B.A.

INDUSTRY CAREERS

- Project management
- Human resources
- Corporate training
- Conflict management
- Leadership
- Politics
- Sales
- Education



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Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with our faculty advisors to set a plan for success through the major Take Presentational Speaking COMM 1010 or Fundamentals of Oral Communication COMM 1100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take COMM 2400 and COMM 3100 & other introductory comm courses Review degree progress report with faculty advisor Add a minor or program certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with faculty advisors to ensure graduation requirements are being met Take a senior experience class Apply for graduation
Engage Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about events and how to get involved Attend a Lambda Pi Eta Honor club event Visit a Debate team meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider an executive position with our honors club, Lambda Pi Eta and attend semester events Join the debate team and/or take the debate class COMM 4130 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider working with a faculty member as a teaching assistant (TA) or tutor Help with department service events Consider other elective courses
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize yourself with C2Hub and internship policies Take a career assessment with C2Hub Advisors Make note of campus resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start conducting informational interviews with potential employers and faculty members to strategize your post-graduation plans Attend career fairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider conducting mock interviews or further resume assistance with a faculty member Join the department Linked-In page for job postings

Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

On average, about 114,300 communication related employment opportunities are projected each year from 2022-2032.
– U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Interpersonal communication skills
- Teamwork and collaborative practices
- Cross-cultural and global perspective

This major gives me the skills to:

- Ability to identify and solve problems in personal, professional, and public contexts
- Apply communication strategies appropriate to purpose, context, technology, and audience
- Cultivate a critical awareness of diverse experiences and viewpoints in order to practice ethical communication

What careers can I pursue?

- Research Analysts (public and private)
- Managers and specialists in various fields (manufacturing, marketing, human resources)
- Law
- Teaching
- Editors, Writers or Authors

