About Communication Studies

The Communication Studies program promotes the growth of knowledge about communication and its uses to achieve individual, group, and societal goals. You will learn about the functions, processes, channels, and influences of communication and can specialize in interpersonal or rhetorical communication. Students in communication work to acquire proficiency in critical analysis, argumentation and presentation (oral and written), and research methods.

Visit this site for more information:
http://urbanaffairs.unlv.edu/

Mission of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to your personal and academic development, the advancement of our disciplines, and the improvement of public policy and professional practices.

Our programs emphasize improvement of the quality of urban life by preparing you for professional practice through interdisciplinary learning, service, and scholarship founded on active collaboration among you, our faculty, professionals, and community members.

Communication Studies Career Options

- Abstractor Grant Writer *
- Proofreader
- Campaign Director
- Information Specialist *
- Negotiation Specialist *
- Communication Trainer
- Lawyer *
- Speech Pathologist *
- Community Affairs Liaison
- Legal Assistant/Paralegal
- Speech Synthesizer *
- Cognition Researcher *
- Court Reporter
- Training Consultant *
- Corporate Lawyer *
- Legislative Assistant Writer/Author
- Diplomat Language Arts Coordinator *
- Director of Corporate Relations *
- Lobbyist
- Foreign Correspondent Press Secretary
*Additional education/certification required

Academic Societies and Groups: Communication Studies

Major academic societies and groups that study communication to which faculty in the Department of Communication Studies belong. These groups offer membership benefits such as news about the latest research and job offerings at the university and college levels, research journal subscriptions, and calls for articles and conference papers. Students are encouraged to get involved with these societies and groups early on!

American Forensic Association:
http://www.americanforensics.org/
Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication:
http://www.aejmc.org/
Broadcast Education Association:
http://www.beaweb.org/
Far West Popular Culture Association:
http://english.unlv.edu/far-west-popular-culture-association/
International Association for Relationship Research:
http://www.iarr.org/
International Communication Association:
http://www.icahdq.org/
National Communication Association:
http://www.natcom.org/
Rhetoric Society of America:
http://www.rhetoricsociety.org/aws/RSA/pt/sp/home_page
Western States Communication Association:
http://www.westcomm.org/

Graduate Program: Communication Studies

The Master of Arts program in the Department of Communication Studies brings together scholars interested in the various aspects of interpersonal communication and rhetorical studies. The program prepares you for careers in the private sector, government agencies, or further educational opportunities. Recent graduates have been accepted to top doctoral programs throughout the country.

http://communicationstudies.unlv.edu/graduate/

UNLV Academic Advising for Communication Studies Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1009
Campus Location: GUA 4th Floor - North Wing
http://urbanaffairs.unlv.edu/advising/
Helpful Career Information

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495
Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor
http://hire.unlv.edu/

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways. Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html