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.

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.

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https://www.unlv.edu/urbanaffairs

Communication Studies Career Options

- Abstractor Grant Writer *
- Speech Writer
- Campaign Director
- Information Specialist *
- Negotiation Specialist *
- Client Specialist
- Lawyer *
- Consumer/Market Researcher
- Community Affairs Liaison
- Legal Assistant/Paralegal
- Recruitment
- Communication Professor
- Development & Fundraising Officer
- Training Consultant *
- Corporate Lawyer*
- Legislative Assistant Writer/Author
- Brand Specialist
- Director of Corporate Relations*
- Lobbyist
- 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.icahq.org/

National Communication Association:
http://www.natcom.org/

Rhetoric Society of America:
http://rhetoricsociety.org/aws/RSA/pt/sp/home_page

Western States Communication Association:
http://www.westcomm.org/

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
https://www.unlv.edu/urbanaffairs/advising

https://www.unlv.edu/communicationstudies/graduate-program
Are You Career Ready?

Employers are looking to hire college students and recent graduates who know how to use their talents, strengths, and interests. These students are Career Ready.

How do you become Career Ready? Mastering these Career Readiness Competencies will prepare you for a successful transition into the workplace.

1. Career Management
   - Identify and articulate skills, strengths, knowledge, experiences, and pursue these opportunities.

2. Oral/Written Communication Skills
   - Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively to a variety of audiences, demonstrate public speaking skills.

3. Professionalism/Work Ethic
   - Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits: punctuality, working productively with others, time management, understanding the importance of a professional work image and demonstrating integrity.

4. Teamwork/Collaboration
   - Build collaborative relationships representing diverse cultures, races, ages, gender, religions, lifestyles, and viewpoints. Work within team structure, negotiate, manage conflicts.

5. Leadership
   - Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals; organize, prioritize and delegate work; use empathetic skills to guide and motivate.

6. Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
   - Exercise sound reasoning and analytical thinking, use knowledge, facts, and data to solve problems and make decisions.

7. Application and Information Technology
   - Select and utilize technology to solve problems and accomplish goals.

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

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

The OOH can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2014–2024 decade, as well as salary data.

UNLV Career Services

At Career Services, we strive to educate and equip UNLV students and alumni with the knowledge and tools to successfully navigate the increasingly global and dynamic workforce. We also work to create beneficial community partnerships to connect UNLV students and alumni with their respective industry.

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

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Access to career exploration assessments, including FOCUS 2, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), and the Strong Interest Inventory
- 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
https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE

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Internship & Job Opportunities

As a UNLV student you have 24/7 access to an online recruiting system designed specifically for you, called Hire A Rebel. Within Hire A Rebel, you are able to manage your profile and search through a variety of job and internships postings for all industries.

By utilizing the “Advanced Search” feature within the Jobs & Internships section, you can filter by position type, location, industry, and more. Hire A Rebel contains all types of positions including: part-time and full-time jobs, paid and unpaid internships – located on-campus, locally, nationally.

https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel/jobs-internships