



# Communication



## Special Points of Interest

- Internationally recognized Political Communication Center
- Annual Josh Lee Memorial Speaking Competition for students
- Nationally ranked among all institutions with a doctoral program in Communication

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## Interested in Communication?

### About the Major

The nationally ranked Department of Communication gives students the skills needed to work in many diverse fields, including media, politics, entertainment and health. Our undergraduate program seeks to prepare majors for diverse career opportunities, preparing students for advanced work, and develop the communication skills that contribute to the long-term advancement and happiness of all students. Communication students typically have interests in politics, management, relationships, cultures and media. They are also interested in public speaking, writing and research. Communication students may also pursue a second major or minor in Mass Communication, Public Relations, Business, Sociology, Political Science, Enterprise Studies, Entrepreneurship or Nonprofit Studies.

### Special Recognition

The department also houses the University of Oklahoma Political Communication Center. The center, internationally recognized as a major resource for political research, allows students to have some of the most influential political discourse at their fingertips.

### Scholarships and Honors

Roger Babich Award  
\$250  
Scholarly Achievement Award  
\$250  
Ralph E. Cooley Memorial  
\$250  
Political Communication Heritage Scholarship  
\$1000

*Lambda Pi Eta*  
Honor Society for  
Communication Majors

### Internships

An internship is a planned work experience related to your personal career, and academic goals. It can help you learn about a career, apply knowledge gained in the classroom, develop skills, and enrich your understanding of self and organizations. A primary purpose of an internship is to help you relate academic experiences to those in the workplace. Various internship opportunities are available within the Norman-Oklahoma City Metro area. Internships are very competitive within the area of communication. Students are encouraged to facilitate their internship experience with their professors and outside resources.



## Communications Curriculum

The goal of the undergraduate program is to share the best available theories of Communication and facilitate the application of these theories for: the improvement of the student's communication skills; increased understanding of the communication process; and development of the student's ability to analyze and interpret the elements of communication process as they occur in society. Students have the opportunity to take classes in in the following areas: health, intercultural, media/political, social influence/interpersonal, and organizational communication. The flexible curriculum allows students to also explore other areas that interest them and encourages them to receive a minor or double major. Classes emphasize communication theory and encourage students to apply the theories in practical ways toward their careers. Each semester, the department holds the Josh Lee Memorial Speaking Competition in which students compete in public speaking for monetary awards.