

COMMUNICATION

About the Department

The English, Communication, and Cultural Studies department houses multiple programs: Communication & Media Studies, Film Studies, and English & Cultural Studies (including concentrations in literature and in creative writing).

Our faculty are motivated by a love of language and visual narrative, avid curiosity about how the world works, and a Christian commitment to building more just, equitable, and inclusive communities—both inside the classroom and out.

English, Communication, and Cultural Studies Department Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/english>)

Arts & Humanities Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/faculty-staff?d=Arts%20and%20Humanities>)

Communication Programs

Our major in Communication & Media Studies and our minors in Film Studies or Communication prepare you to understand communication as a social, intellectual, ethical, and artistic process. You will learn to engage in communication and film as a responsible human behavior.

In your courses, you will investigate communication as a shaper of history, examine speech as a tool and an art form, and study film as a creative and responsible human behavior.

You will gain understanding, ethical frameworks, and skills to manage your conduct as a compelling communicator in both mediated and unmediated forms, whether you are majoring within the Communication Department or in any other field of study offered at Seattle Pacific.

Communication Programs Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/communication/communication-studies>)

Our Mission

The Department of Communication prepares graduates of competence and character, who understand communication as a social, intellectual, ethical, and artistic process and who engage in communication and journalism as a responsible human behavior.

Majors

- Communication and Media Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/communication-journalism-film/communication-studies-ba/>)

Minors

- Communication Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/communication-journalism-film/communication-minor/>)
- Film Studies Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/communication-journalism-film/film-studies-minor/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Majors create and comprehend messages in written, oral, and mediated forms, for a variety of public and personal forums.

2. Majors research and explore both theories and skills, adopting three focal points: the person, the message, and the medium and cultural context.
3. Majors understand approaches to ethical decision-making in the communication process.