

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION



FAST FACTS

- ★ We merge hands-on learning, world-class research, passionate learners, and engaging instructors to give students the knowledge and skills to create a more equitable and humane world.
- ★ We offer BA, MA, and certificate programs. We also offer online classes and an innovative, fully online BA program in communication, and we teach CU Succeed courses for high school students to earn college credit.
- ★ Our new building at 1201 Larimer offers state-of-the-art classrooms, offices, and study space. Our brand new Media Learning Lab provides the opportunities and equipment for creating compelling 21st-century digital communication.
- ★ We serve approximately 500 majors, 100 minors, and 25 master's students on the downtown campus. The 115 majors at our International College in Beijing provide opportunities for cross-cultural exchange.
- ★ Our diverse students hail from all over the world and go on to work as leaders and specialists in a broad range of settings, including institutions of higher education, corporations and businesses, health-care organizations, non-profit organizations, and arts institutions. A number go on to the nation's leading graduate programs at universities such as American University, Boston College, Emerson University, New York University, Northwestern, Hong Kong University, and more. Several of our alums have been recognized among Denver's top 40 under 40 in *Colorado Biz* magazine.
- ★ In the past few years, our energetic faculty members have published more than 14 books or edited volumes and 60 journal articles or book chapters in our field's leading venues and have received more than 12 national, regional, and campus awards for research, teaching, and service.

WHY COMMUNICATION?

Our fast-paced, global information society places a premium on speaking, writing, listening, and collaborating in effective, ethical, and engaging ways. Today's employers routinely seek skills in oral and written communication, teamwork and technology—three of the key components of our curriculum. Given that the average college graduate is expected to change careers approximately seven times during his or her life, studying communication offers a versatile and timely set of knowledge and skills applicable across a variety of fields, including advertising, business, health and medicine, international relations, education, media, government, politics, and public relations.



COMMUNICATION

Find your voice and pursue your passion



University of Colorado **Denver**



CURRICULUM

We place a premium on interactive learning and experiential education to help learners realize their leadership potential, personal development, and career goals. Service learning, internships, writing-intensive courses, and global exchange programs are among the high-impact educational practices we routinely employ. In addition, communication coursework may be taken in one or more of the following pathways:

- Community service and public affairs
- Strategic communication
- Media studies
- Health communication
- Political communication and government
- Legal communication
- Critical toolbox classes (includes writing, analysis, and skills classes).

We offer BA certificates in **mediation** and **strategic communication**. Our students also pursue minors in a variety of areas, including health humanities, social justice, sustainability, and more.

OPPORTUNITIES



We belong to **Lambda Pi Eta**, the official honor society of the National Communication Association. Communication majors with a 3.25 or above and more than 60 credits may apply to join.

Puksta Fellowships

PUKSTA FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Puksta Foundation and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Communication offers five annual Puksta Social Justice Fellowships, which pay in-state tuition for two classes—an internship and a writing practicum. In return, Puksta Fellows complete a three-part series of internships and capstone writing experiences around a social justice theme or topic.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Through internships, Puksta Fellowships, service learning and civic engagement projects, we partner with many community organizations, including: 5280 magazine, Apex Park and Recreation District, Armada Medical Marketing, CBS4, KCNC-TV, CCTV Media Links LLC, Children's Future International, City of Littleton/Littleton Museum, Colorado Photographic Arts Center, Colorado Progressive Coalition, Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado School of Mines Athletics, Colorado School of Public Health, Community Reentry Project (CRP), Corliss Stone-Littles LLC, dpcNetworks, Eliot Management Group, Examiner.com | AXS.com, Green Corps, KCNC-TV, Klein Buendel, Inc., Health Communication Research and Multimedia Development, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Life Quality Institute, Madison House| JJ Grey & Mofro, Nobody In Particular Presents, Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, Regional Transportation District, Skyline Productions Professional DJ and Event Services, STRIVE Preparatory Schools, The Blackout Beat, The Give Back Yoga Foundation, The Wright Group Services, Worldwide Partners.

"The program always seemed to be progressing, growing, and looking for ways to enhance the experience of its students."
—Laura Sanchez '13

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