

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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## Undergraduate Program Information

Communication Studies focus on the complex role that human communication plays in everyday life.

The undergraduate program in Communication Studies is designed to enhance students' interpersonal skills, presentation skills, and critical thinking skills. The successful graduate should be able to work effectively with people, assimilate, organize and analyze information, solve problems, make effective presentations and show potential for leadership. The program prepares students for careers in several professions, such as training and development, public relations, law, advertising and sales, government service, mediation, customer relations, human resources, international service, fundraising, and the ministry.

## Graduate Program Information

The Master of Arts in Communication Studies provides students with a social scientific approach to the study of human interaction, using quantitative and qualitative methods. Our curriculum is designed to explore how communication occurs interpersonally, within organizations, our political system, and between and within cultures. Students take courses in interpersonal communication, organizational communication, political communication, and/or cultural communication. All graduate students take courses in communication theory and research methods. In addition, students can take courses in topic areas such as conflict management, small group communication, persuasion, and nonverbal communication.

The program offers a wide variety of courses allowing students an opportunity to select topics pursuant to their special interests. In addition to courses, students have the opportunity to obtain practical experience by participating in professional activities offered by the department; for example, graduate teaching assistantships, research, and colloquia.

## Master's Accelerated Program Information

The Master's Accelerated Program is an opportunity for qualified, advanced undergraduate students to begin graduate study while still enrolled as an undergraduate student. Students accepted into the program will be able to take up to 12 credits that can be applied to a Master's degree in Communication Studies at New Mexico State University. This equates to one-third of the required credits to obtain a graduate degree in Communication Studies at NMSU.

**For a complete list of the qualifications and courses requirements for the Accelerated program see the Master of Arts in Communication Studies (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/communication-studies-master-arts/>) program.**