

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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## Undergraduate Program Information

Communication Studies focuses on the complex role that human communication plays in everyday life. The undergraduate program in Communication Studies is designed to enhance students' interpersonal, presentation, and critical thinking skills. A successful graduate should be able to work effectively with people, assimilate, organize and analyze information, solve problems, make effective presentations, and demonstrate 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 both quantitative and qualitative methods. Our curriculum is designed to explore how communication occurs interpersonally, within organizations, in social and mediated systems, and between and within cultures. Students take courses in interpersonal, organizational, and cultural communication. All graduate students take courses in communication theory and both qualitative and quantitative research methods. In addition, students can take courses in topics such as conflict management, leadership, persuasion, as well as family, health, nonverbal, and small-group communication.

The program offers a wide variety of courses, allowing students to select topics based on their special interests. In addition to courses, students can gain practical experience through departmental professional activities, such as graduate teaching assistantships, research, and colloquia.

## Master's Accelerated Program Information

The Master's Accelerated Program is an opportunity for qualified, advanced undergraduate students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher to begin their graduate studies while still undergraduates. 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 course requirements for the MAP program, see the Master of Arts in Communication Studies program.**