Communication studies students are skilled researchers, writers, speakers, problem-solvers, and leaders. The faculty and staff in the Department of Communication Studies are experts at helping students understand the vital connections between research and teaching inside and outside the classroom. Twenty-one full-time faculty members are active in national and international associations, publish in peer-reviewed journals, and win numerous awards for teaching excellence.

Our international reputation comes from several collaborative research projects, faculty and student exchanges, and faculty visiting scholar appointments at Russian universities including Moscow State University, Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University, and The Cultural Institute of St. Petersburg, Russia. We also have collaborative relationships with the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Oxford University, England; Cambridge University, England; University of Siena, Italy; and the University of Florence, Italy.

The department also proudly sponsors the student honor society Lambda Pi Eta, the COMM Club, and the Texas State forensics team and LBJ Debate Society. The Elton Abernathy Forensics Society is Texas State’s competitive speech team. The LBJ Debate Society is named for former President Lyndon B. Johnson, who was involved in debate as a student at Texas State University. Both teams travel locally, regionally, and nationally.

Facilities
In 1998, the department moved to its new facilities in the completely renovated Centennial Hall. This new location offers outstanding resources including twenty-four faculty offices, several graduate assistant office suites, research labs, computer labs, conference rooms, several well-equipped classrooms, and a state of the art teaching theatre.

Financial Assistance
Graduate Assistantships offered at competitive stipends with waiver of out-of-state tuition are available to qualified applicants. Assistantship responsibilities include teaching communication fundamentals, serving as assistant director of forensics, or assisting faculty with research. Most assistantships are assigned in March for the fall term, but assistantships may be available for students who wish to begin the graduate program in the spring or summer.

The department offers limited scholarships for currently enrolled students. Also, the College of Fine Arts and Communication and The Graduate College provide a variety of scholarships for new and returning graduate students. See the various web sites for details.

Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Major in Communication Studies (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/fine-arts-communication/studies/ma)

Minor
- Communication Studies (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/fine-arts-communication/studies/minor)

Certificate Program
- Corporate Communication and Training (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/fine-arts-communication/studies/corporate-training-certificate)

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