COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This minor in Communication Arts and Sciences allows students maximum curricular flexibility to supplement their primary courses of study and prepare for their careers after graduation. Students who earn this minor will acquire highly desired skills and insights in the areas of communication strategy, group dynamics, interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution, and more. These skills and insights may be applicable in such fields as business, health, law, public advocacy, and many others.

In these ways, the minor valuably supplements many primary undergraduate degrees throughout the university. Knowledge of, and training in, practices of human communication can significantly enhance one's ability to succeed in virtually any academic, professional, civic, or interpersonal setting. Finally, most undergraduate courses in Communication Arts and Sciences are certified for General Education credit, so students can quickly attain a valuable minor while earning General Education credits at the same time.

What is Communications Arts and Sciences?

Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS) is committed to the study, teaching, and practice of human communication for the betterment of Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world. Using methods and theories that span the humanities and social sciences, we create knowledge about the role of communication in diverse interpersonal, communal, national, international, and cultural settings. Our research is integral to our educational mission: to promote greater understanding of and facility with oral, written, and nonverbal communication.

You Might Like This Program If...

• You want to supplement your primary degree by learning about the importance of human communication from either social scientific and humanistic perspectives.
• You want to learn how to craft effective messages for different audiences.
• You want to develop analytic and critical thinking skills in order to understand how messages influence audiences.
• You want to acquire theories, methods, and practical tools of communication to help advance your professional or civic goals.