Mason's communication degree is not a sit-back-and-listen program. As a communication major, you will produce videos, public relations plans, television programs, and websites. You will present your results to top Washington, D.C., area professionals and at communication conferences. Through these activities, you will develop skills that are not only enriching to you personally, but highly valued by prospective employers and graduate schools.

You will take courses in public speaking, media production and criticism, public relations, journalism, intercultural communication, health communication, and political communication. You will study with faculty who are known for creating opportunities for you to apply your knowledge and skills in classes and in co-curricular activities.

If you excel in the classroom, you may be accepted to the highly competitive communication honors program or be invited to join Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honors society.

Studying communication at Mason offers you distinctive educational opportunities, working with nationally-known faculty, to prepare for careers where you can make important contributions to society and its needs for effective communication.

-GARY KREPS, CHAIR

WHY MASON?

Our students intern at places like the U.S. Congress, the Voice of America, and National Geographic. Located minutes from Washington, D.C., we offer you more affordable access to learning and career opportunities than any other university in the region – a region that is one of the most important media and public relations hubs in the world. Mason communication majors intern and work at prominent public relations firms, major media outlets, the federal government, and a host of sports teams. Our adjunct faculty work for organizations such as USA Today, Reuters, and Verizon.
UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

Take advantage of terrific internships, study abroad courses, and highly visible student media organizations, including the student newspaper Broadside and the student radio station, WGMU. You might even audition for our nationally-recognized George Mason Forensics Team.

- **Marissa Hermann, ’08**, interned with Cliff Bar & Co., where she handled public relations, marketing, and events management responsibilities in the company’s LUNAleader internship program. She now works for Teach for America in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

- **Ryann Doyle, ’09**, interned with the Mason Gazette, Mason’s online news service, prior to departing for Galway, Ireland, to study political communication at the National University of Ireland.

- **LaTonya Austin, ’09**, and **Jediah Jones, ’09**, interned on Capitol Hill with the U. S. Congressional Black Caucus.

Other students have interned with major media outlets such as the NBC Today Show, Clear Channel Radio, ESPN Radio, ABC News, and USA Today, as well as with the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and numerous other government agencies and private corporations.

EXCITING CAREERS

- **Patrick Delaney, ’07**, works as a creative associate, designing and implementing national multi-market radio promotions for clients at ZComm.

- **Dorothea Rosser, ’89**, is a human performance consultant at Accenture, working with federal government clients to increase workforce productivity.

- **Heather Westrom, ’02**, is director of Ballpark Enterprises for the Washington Nationals.

- **Brian Van De Graaff, ’97**, is a weather forecaster for WJLA Washington, D.C., ABC-TV, and WTOP Washington Radio News.

Other graduates have attended law schools and graduate schools or have worked as TV producers, news anchors, financial advisors, communication managers, sales representatives, freelance editors, documentary filmmakers, radio show hosts, and organizational consultants.

ENHANCE YOUR MAJOR

Put your electives to good use by choosing a minor that extends your areas of expertise and increases your marketability. Some minors require only three or four courses beyond the major. While any minor works well with communication, you might consider one of these:

- Film and Media Studies
- Global Affairs
- Linguistics
- Multimedia
- Nonprofit Studies
- Women and Gender Studies