Texas Tech University
College of Media & Communication

OUR MAJORS

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advertising
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Our Advertising (ADV) program develops leaders with an understanding of the creative and business-related aspects of advertising in the current media landscape. Students learn to apply creativity and critical thinking to solve communication problems.

Career fields include account services, copywriting, sales, design, creative strategy and media planning.

communication studies
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Our degree in Communication Studies (COMS) is committed to equipping today’s students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in our global, information-laden landscape. We emphasize the importance of effective communication in personal, professional and public contexts. Through a dynamic and engaging curriculum that includes classes in interpersonal, organizational, and intercultural communication, combined with courses in popular culture and public affairs, students learn to think critically and communicate clearly and compellingly. Taught by award-winning teachers and scholars, our courses prepare students to be leaders in any industry.

creative media industries
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Our degree in Creative Media Industries is designed to train digital storytellers who exhibit excellence in the creation, distribution, and analysis of creative media content in diverse U.S. and global media marketplaces.

The creative media industries program offers courses in film, television, gaming & interactive media, audio, photography, and writing, emphasizing commercial practice and a portfolio orientation that prepares students for leadership positions in creative media industries.

digital media & professional communication
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The B.A. in Digital Media & Professional Communication provides students with broad-based, marketable skills to help them navigate the fast-changing and dynamic career pathways that exist in media, communication and complementary companies, organizations and industries.

journalism
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Our Journalism program is leading the way in teaching students skills in multimedia storytelling and preparing them for a multimedia world. Students have the opportunity to produce news and information using a variety of media including social, print, broadcast and online.

Alumni are finding jobs as reporters, producers, editors, photographers and other news positions, as well as progressing to upper-level management positions, such as anchoring CBS Evening News and being vice president of Mattel, Inc. The industry has recognized our graduates with five Pulitzer Prizes.

media strategies
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With its professional focus combined with training that cuts across communication disciplines, a Media Strategies degree (MST) trains students to innovate and succeed in any industry or entrepreneurial venture. Students learn practical aspects of media startups, such as developing a business model and pitching ideas to investors.

Media strategies majors are pursuing careers in digital, brand and social media strategy; media analysis and research; ecommerce; communication planning; media consulting; and media management.

public relations
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Our degree in Public Relations (PR) teaches skills in media relations, building and managing public and business relationships, planning strategic campaigns, writing releases, designing graphics, and creating content. We offer many specialized courses on specific PR topics such as crisis communication and advanced social media monitoring that offer students the opportunity to work with real-world clients.

Our PR alumni are finding jobs across a variety of diverse fields, including corporate communication, sports, nonprofits, government and politics, marketing and new media.
OUR STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

ad team
A group of students selected by interview to compete in a national student advertising competition. The annual competition is put on by the American Advertising Federation and features a corporate client.

association for women in communications
AWC is a student organization designed to help women stay connected in the mass communications marketplace. Affiliated with the national AWC, this local professional chapter offers exciting opportunities to build friendships and working relationships with communications professionals in the Lubbock community.

communication studies society
The Communication Studies Society mission is to give members a clear understanding of the communication field by providing networking opportunities with peers and professionals in the communication field.

the daily toreador
The Daily Toreador is an independent student publication and is the official student newspaper of Texas Tech. The mission of the DT is to connect the campus community with professional firms to provide practical experience for students.

debate team
Texas Tech’s two-time national award-winning Parliamentary Debate Team gives students an opportunity to build communication skills by matching wits with students from across the country.

double t insider (DTI)
Through an entirely student-based production team, students are given the chance to become experienced individuals with the opportunity to exercise their ability to perform a variety of skills with a focus on the different aspects of broadcasting.

fashion and media entertainment group
The CoMC FAME Group gives students the opportunity to explore and self-develop within the ever-changing environment of fashion and entertainment. Through professional outlets, networking, social media, and real-world opportunities, students are able to participate in a vast and world accounts for a wide range of clients.

the outpost social media lab
The Outpost provides students with real-world experience in the growing field of social media listening, engagement, and analysis using tools usually only available to industry professionals.

heads up display
Heads Up Display (HUD) provides students with opportunities to create content such as reviews for movies, television shows, and video games along with special interest segments that are posted and shared through digital and social media platforms.

the hub@ttu
The Hub@TTU is an award-winning creative outlet devoted to providing a collaborative student media environment showcasing the news and the creativity of the Texas Tech community.

ktxt-fm
KTXT-FM, The Raider 88.1, is Texas Tech University’s student radio station. The Raider 88.1 offers students opportunities to learn versatile skills, including producing, promotion, project management, news and sports broadcasting, audio production, on-air talent development, and many other skills for several different types of jobs and careers.

kappa tau alpha
A national college honor society that recognizes academic excellence and promotes scholarship. Only those students who rank in the top 10 percent of their classes are considered for membership.

la ventana yearbook
First issued in 1926, La Ventana is an official, independent student publication that serves as a comprehensive written and photographic record of the annual history of Texas Tech.

mctv newscast
MCTV Newscasts are created by students and faculty from all majors within the college. Students have the opportunity to produce, star, edit and film broadcasts.

raidercomm
A student-run, full-service public relations firm that provides public relations majors with an opportunity to develop as professionals, learn new skills, and apply their coursework to real-world accounts for a wide range of clients.

raider report
Raidor Report is an entertainment themed sports-talk-show that provides an energetic and engaging atmosphere with its staff and viewers. Run by students, the show is great for people who want to break into the sports or entertainment industry with experience in directing, camera operations, script writing, marketing, on-air talent, and more.

society of professional journalists
SPJ is an organization for students interested in promoting high standards of ethical behavior in journalistic endeavors, learning about how to improve and protect journalism’s vital role in informing citizens in a democracy, networking with professional journalists, participating in resume-building activities, and submitting projects to contests.

tech advertising federation
The Tech Advertising Federation (TAF) is the Texas Tech chapter of the nationally recognized professional association, American Advertising Federation (AAF). This student-run organization is designed for any communication and business related majors to create networking opportunities and access/share industry insights.

tech creative media association
TCMA is a group for students who have an interest in visually expressive industries. The group regularly engages in media activities including filmmaking, photography, and graphic design, and it often provides creative services to other student organizations in CoMC and other colleges across the university.

tech pr
Tech PR is the official student public relations association in the College of Media & Communication. The association provides members with career development, professional networking, and portfolio- and resume-building opportunities.

tech esports association
Tech eSports Association is a club comprised of a community of passionate gamers. The association provides opportunities to members and students to compete in eSports on a collegiate and professional level; playing for both scholarship and prize money.

women’s production club
The Women’s Production Club is a group geared towards women to learn, support and create content together, using skills such as videography, photography, graphic design, creative writing and more.