

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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## Faculty

- Chairperson: Jason Leigh Jarvis
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- Instructors: Rebecca Avalos

## Mission

The Communication Studies Department provides students from across the LMU community with the communication competencies necessary to pursue their personal, professional, and civic goals. Our faculty and students examine how messages and meanings are produced, interpreted, and consumed. In particular, our program rigorously engages the following:

- The production and evaluation of communication messages,
- The role of communication in shaping the performance of identity and community,
- The processes and technologies by which people relate to and collaborate with each other, and
- The importance of principled advocacy across our personal, professional, and public lives.

Throughout all aspects of our program, we encourage self-reflection and critical engagement with disciplinary subject matter and contemporary social and political events at the local and global level. We encourage our students and faculty to nurture personal habits of lifelong learning and service.

In addition, our students and faculty produce scholarship that advances our knowledge of human communication, enhances the quality of public deliberation, and bridges the gap between our curriculum and real world experiences. To serve these goals, the Communication Studies Department creates an environment where students and faculty pursue scholarship, community engagement, and leadership in civic, corporate, and international arenas.

Finally, we develop students' professional competencies and enable them to maximize their post-graduation opportunities for career development. In seeing professional development as a shared responsibility, students are empowered to cultivate their communication skills outside of the classroom through engaged forms of learning and professional development.

## Programs

- Communication Studies, B.A. (<https://bulletin.lmu.edu/schools-colleges/communication-fine-arts/communication-studies/communication-studies-ba/>)
- Public Relations Minor (<https://bulletin.lmu.edu/schools-colleges/communication-fine-arts/communication-studies/public-relations-minor/>)