

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

Faculty

- The Communication Department includes 14 full-time and 3 part-time faculty members.
- 79% of the full-time faculty hold a terminal degree (PhD).
- 41% of all Communication faculty members are female.
- Our faculty members are active teacher-scholars who regularly present their research at disciplinary conferences and publish in academic journals, as well as working collaboratively with students on undergraduate research projects.
- Our faculty members are professionally active at the local, state, national, and international levels. For example, they currently, or have recently, served as Executive Officers, members of Executive Boards, or members of Committees of the following organizations:
 - Broadcast Educators Association
 - Central States Communication Association
 - International Communication Association
 - Missouri Broadcast Educators Association
 - National Communication Association
 - National Parliamentary Debate Association
 - Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri
- Our faculty travel nationally and internationally to study, attend conferences, and conduct research, and often taking Truman undergraduates with them. For example, student members of the Forensic Union recently accompanied faculty members as trainers and adjudicators for the 13th FLTRP Cup, China's national debate championships.

Students

- Communication has approximately 300 majors and 50 minors, approximately 60% of them are female.
- Students often attend student or **professional conferences** to present their research or co-curricular work such as:
 - College Media Advisers
 - Missouri Broadcast Education Association
 - The National Communication Association
 - Society of Professional Journalists

- **Student organizations** include Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society, Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Honor Society, Forensic Union, Society of Professional Journalists, Advertising and Public Relations Organization (IABC affiliate), and National Broadcast Society-AERho.
- Students compete in the nationally ranked **Forensics program** and consistently receive honors and awards, including first place individual awards in national competitions and team sweepstakes awards.
- Students consistently receive honors and awards from national, regional and state organizations for their **media production** including Best Weekly and Overall Newspaper, Best Magazine, First Place in Convergent Journalism, Audio Commercial and PSA, and Radio Play-by-Play, as well as Audio and Video Documentary.
- Approximately 80% of our graduates enter the work force directly and 20% enter graduate school.

Curriculum

- We offer a **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** degree in Communication with options for an emphasis in **Communication Studies, Journalism, or Public Communication.**
- Students can graduate with Departmental Honors in Communication.
- In addition to Communication coursework, students are encouraged to pursue at least one industry, non-profit or government internship.
- Students are encouraged to study abroad.
- Students have opportunities to conduct undergraduate research, either on-campus with a Truman faculty member or off-campus during the academic year or the summer.
- Our largest classes could have 65 students, but the majority of classes have 20 to 30 students, and many elective classes are as small as 10 to 15 students.
- Full-time faculty members with professional media credentials advise all of our student media.
- Full-time faculty members with extensive backgrounds in both debate and individual speaking events direct our forensics program.
- Full-time faculty members with relevant industry and government experience advise our student pre-professional and academic honorary organizations.

Facilities & Equipment

- All Communication faculty members have their offices in renovated Barnett Hall.
- We have all new teaching facilities and learning laboratories in the Communication complex in Barnett Hall.
- In addition to teaching space and the Forensics Squadroom, Communication houses other learning laboratories: the Communication Lab, the Student Media Center that includes the state-of-the-art multimedia NewsCenter, KTRM-FM, and the television studio.
- The Communication Lab offers assistance in preparation for speech assignments, and provides space for faculty or student research involving focus groups and small groups or for seminar studies.
- We have state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with computer and AV projection systems, cameras for recording presentations, and Internet access.
- We are a cross-platform department with both Mac and PC computer classrooms and production lab facilities.
- We have all-digital production facilities for classes and student media in broadcast, print, and online work.

Professional Development

- Examples of corporations and organizations where Truman students have recently interned include:

The Arc (Cedar Rapids, IA)	<i>Kirksville Daily Express</i>
AT&T	KMOV-TV (St. Louis)
Avatar Studios	KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, NE)
BBC (London)	KSLZ 107.7 (St. Louis)
Bellwether State Solutions	The Late Show with David Letterman
Bonneville St. Louis Radio Group	LLC, Pre-Paid Legal Services
Boston Chase Mediation Group	Menorah Medical Center
Caroline Vineyard	Missouri Governor's Office
Entercom Kansas City	National Geographic Television
Emmis Broadcasting (St. Louis)	NEOLA Camp Ministry
ESPN Radio (Chicago)	Nighttimes.com
Fleischman-Hillard	St. Joseph News Press
Iowa Communications Network	St. Louis Science Center
Kansas City Chiefs	<i>Suburban Journals</i>
KEZK CBS Radio (St. Louis)	Tan-Tar-A Resort (Florida)
	Zimmerman Agency

Graduate Schools

- Examples of M.A. or Law programs in which Truman Communication alumni have enrolled include:

Boston University	Texas State University
Columbia University School of Journalism	University of Indiana
Drake University Law School	University of Kansas
Harvard University Law School	University of Minnesota
Indiana University	University of Missouri
New York University Film School	University of Nebraska
New York University Law School	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
The Ohio State University	University of South Dakota
Texas Christian University	Law School
	Washington University Law School
	Wayne State University

Employers

- Examples of corporations where Truman graduates have been hired include:

AmeriCorps	MarketWatch News
Ameritech	Massachusetts Mutual
aNb Media	Momentum Worldwide
Bloomberg News	Morningstar
Borrell Associates, Inc	Communications
BowTie Inc.	Monsanto – Audio/Visual
Cerner Corporation	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
<i>Champaign News Gazette</i>	National Collegiate Scouting Association
CNN	National Public Radio
Cumulus Communications	O'Malley Hansen Communications
Drake and Company	Schupp Company
Dreamworks Animation	St. Lawrence Center at KU
Fleischman-Hillard	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>
Fox-KTVI News	Vandiver Group
<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	Weber Shandwick
<i>Iowa Daily Citizen</i>	WGEM-TV Wolters Kluwer
<i>Kansas City Star</i>	
KMIZ-TV	
KTVO-TV	
Lents and Associates, L.L.C	