The Department of Communication Studies is committed to providing students with both the communication skills and the understanding of the communication process required to thrive in a complex and changing society. Majors are required to demonstrate a mastery of the fundamentals of effective communication, to learn the fundamentals of communication theory and practice, and to develop a distinct area of emphasis. Some of the more popular areas include argumentation and advocacy, organizational and health communication, international and intercultural communication, digital communication and social media, and media production. The curriculum is designed to enhance the understanding of human communication in a variety of contexts, to empower students to become informed and engaged citizens, and to provide the knowledge and skills required to live a rich personal and professional life.

Media and Screen Studies

Media and screen studies educates students in the analysis and production of media. Taught from a liberal arts perspective, a MSCR degree seeks to give students the ability to think critically about the continually changing media industry and the complex world in which it exists and to apply that knowledge to media production. MSCR is a challenging degree that is not limited to what is traditionally offered at a film school or in a visual and performing arts degree. It gives students the tools to become engaged citizens equipped to meet the challenges of living in a global culture defined by technological and social change.

The Bachelor of Arts in Media and Screen Studies offers courses in analysis and practice. Required courses offer students an opportunity to obtain the critical thinking skills necessary to better understand media content, media technology, and media production. Students then decide how many production and analysis courses they want to take. Choosing from a broad range of electives, students can take more than half their major in media and film production courses, can take a majority of courses that critically examine media content and technology, or can combine courses in other ways.

Students may also enroll in one of the preexistent MSCR combined majors: communication studies, English, journalism, political science, sociology, and theatre.

Academic Progression Standards

Departmental probation will result from a cumulative grade-point average below 2.000. No more than two grades below a C in MSCR courses can be used to fulfill degree requirements. Dismissal from the major may occur as a result of two consecutive semesters on departmental probation.

Programs

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-ba/)
- Communication Studies and Graphic and Information Design (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-graphic-information-design-ba/)
- Communication and Media Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-media-studies-ba/)
Communication Studies

- Communication Studies and Sociology (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-sociology-ba/)
- Communication Studies and Theatre (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-theatre-ba/)
- English and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-communication-studies-ba/)
- Human Services and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/interdisciplinary/human-services-communications-ba/)
- Journalism and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/journalism/journalism-communication-studies-ba/)
- Linguistics and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/interdisciplinary/linguistics-communication-studies-ba/)
- Political Science and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-communication-studies-ba/)
- Public Health and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/community-health-behavioral-sciences/public-health-and-communication-studies-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-ba/)
- Africana Studies and Media and Screen Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/cultures-societies-global-studies/africana-studies-media-and-screen-studies-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and English (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-english-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and History (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-history-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Journalism (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-journalism-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Media Arts (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-media-art-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Philosophy (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-philosophy-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Political Science (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-political-science-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Sociology (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-sociology-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Theatre (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-theatre-ba/)
- Media Arts and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/art-design/media-arts-communication-studies-ba/)

Bachelor of Science (BS)

- Business Administration and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/business-administration-combined-majors/business-administration-communication-studies-bs/)
- Communication Studies and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-speech-language-pathology-bs/)
- Computer Science and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-communication-studies-bs/)
- Health Science and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/community-health-behavioral-sciences/health-science-communication-studies-bs/)
- Media and Screen Studies and Theatre (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-theatre-bs/)
- Music and Communication Studies with Concentration in Music Industry (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/music/music-communication-studies-concentration-industry/)
- Political Science and Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-communication-studies-bs/)

Minors

- Argumentation and Law (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/argumentation-law-minor/)
- Cinema Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/cinema-studies-minor/)
• Communication Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/communication-studies-minor/)
• Digital Communication (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/digital-communications-minor/)
• Film Production (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/film-production-minor/)
• Film Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/film-studies-minor/)
• Human Communication (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/human-communication-minor/)
• Improvisation and Storytelling (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/improvisation-storytelling-minor/)
• Media and Screen Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-minor/)
• Media Production (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-production-minor/)
• Oratory and Public Speaking (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/oratory-public-speaking-minor/)
• Political Communication (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/political-communication-minor/)
• Rhetoric (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/rhetoric-minor/)
• Social Activism (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/social-activism-minor/)
• Sports, Media, and Communication (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/sports-media-communication-minor/)