



Communication

Department of Communication
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

KEY STRENGTHS

- Academically acclaimed professors who are nationally respected for their innovative teaching, groundbreaking research and professional leadership
- Technologically advanced facilities
- Extensive alumni network
- Representation among some of the university's top student leaders
- Universal application of learned communication skills

POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

- For the past five years, 90 percent of the department's students have been accepted to graduate programs.
- Recent surveys show 100 percent of graduates are employed within 12 months of graduation, with most launching careers in two to three months.
- The communication faculty includes the author of an intercultural communication textbook; a business and professional communication textbook; and experts in the religious, political and corporate crisis communication fields.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Master of Arts
- Master of Arts in Religion
- Master of Science

MAJORS AVAILABLE

- Communication

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Law
- Corporate training
- Human resources
- Corporate communication
- Ministry
- Mediation and negotiation
- Fund raising
- Sales

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Lambda Pi Eta, a professional student organization designed to foster interest in the study of communication
- Practicum work in local hospitals, rehabilitation centers, public schools, consulting firms, law offices and human resource offices

Scholarships available

- Brown Forensic Endowment – scholarship amounts usually range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per year.
- Communication – scholarship amounts range from \$200 to \$400 per year.
- ACT/SAT Academic Scholarships
- ACU Leadership and Presidential Scholarships

Please consult with your admissions counselor for details on these and other scholarships available to you.

FACILITIES

Instructional facilities are located in the Sherrod Building of the Don H. Morris Center and include well-equipped classrooms, videotaping equipment and access to computers.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Majors in the 2005-06 school year: 140
Percent of 2005-06 graduates with jobs in their field or admitted into graduate/professional school within 12 months: 100 percent
Percent of those who applied to graduate/professional school and were accepted: 90 percent
Average number of majors over the past five years: 130

RECENT GRADUATES

Leanne Cannon, class of 2004; Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
Allison Hawkins Hunt, class of 1998; area marketing manager, Southwest Airlines, Dallas, Texas.
Jeremy Keeton, class of 1998; Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jill Tappe Santiago, class of 2000; The Tappe Group, Arlington, Texas.
Braid Sharp, class of 2004; news anchor, KTXS, Abilene, Texas.
Brantley Starr, class of 2001; attorney, Austin, Texas.

STUDENT SUCCESS

In the past, ACU alumni have completed graduate study at Arizona University, The University of Texas at Austin, Vanderbilt University, Oklahoma University, The University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, University of Illinois, University of Colorado, University of Florida, University of Southern California and Texas Tech University.

ACU alumni have attended law school at Harvard University, Duke University, The State University of New York, The University of Texas at Austin, Pepperdine University, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, The University of Chicago and Texas Tech University.

Graduates of the Department of Communication have been extremely successful in the job market. ACU alumni have been employed by ACU, The White House, Accensure Consulting, AT&T, Disney, Bell Labs, Dell Computers, Apple Computers, McDonnell Douglas, Valdosta State University, City of Abilene, Trial Behavior Consulting, Wells Fargo, Integrated Resources Group, U.S. Army Career and Alumni Program, CompUSA, Arthur Anderson Accounting and numerous churches throughout the country.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Rick Atchley, class of 1982; minister, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. George Foster Takemoto, class of 1962; communication consultant, Baton Rouge, La.

Jack Pope, class of 1934; former Chief Justice of Texas Supreme Court, Austin, Texas.

Kasey Pipes, class of 1995; The Pipes Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Joseph J. Cardot III, Ed.D. – Presented: “A Social Change Perspective of the Promise Keepers Phenomenon,” “Academicians Ply Their Trade: Application of Training and Development to the Campus Environment,” co-authored with Dr. Paul Lakey; National Communication Association Convention, New York, N.Y., November 1998.

Carley Dodd, Ph.D. – Author of many books, papers and articles, including groundbreaking textbook published by Allyn and Bacon, *Managing Business and Professional Communication*, 2004.

Sally Gary, J.D. – Received: Outstanding Communication Teacher of the Year, Lambda Pi Eta, Abilene Christian University, 2002; coached: National Championship in Parliamentary Debate, fourth place sweepstakes, Novice National Forensic Association, Kansas City, Mo., 2002, National Championship in Parliamentary Debate, Novice Division, National Parliamentary Debate Association, Denver, Colo., 2002; National Champion in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, National Christian College Forensic Tournament, 2003.

Paul Lakey, Ph.D. – Received: Best Teacher in the Big Country award voted by readers of the *Abilene Reporter-News* in its annual Reader’s Choice Awards; Teacher of the Year, College of Arts and Science, 1998-99.

Cindy Roper, Ph.D. – Published: “David vs. Goliath: The ‘96 Senatorial Race Between Victor Morales and Phil Gramm.” In L.L. Kaid and D. Bystrom (Eds.), “Electronic Coverage of the Presidential Campaign” (pp. 123-132). Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Inc., 1999.

FACULTY

Joe Cardot III, Ed.D., *professor, chair*; B.A., Harding University, 1976; M.A., Western Kentucky University, 1980; Ed.D., Texas Tech University, 1990.

Jonathan Camp, D.Min., *assistant professor*; B.A., Harding University, 1995; M.Div., Harding University Graduate School of Religion, 1999; D.Min., Abilene Christian University, 2007; Ph.D., candidate, University of Memphis.

Carley Dodd, Ph.D., *professor*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1970; M.A., ACU, 1971; Ph.D., The University of Oklahoma, 1974.

Sally Gary, J.D., *assistant professor, director of forensics*; B.S.Ed., Abilene Christian University, 1983; M.A., ACU, 1985; J.D., Texas Tech University, 1998.

Paul Lakey, Ph.D., *professor, director of graduate studies*; B.A., Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, 1970; M.A., Abilene Christian University, 1980; M.A., ACU, 1985; Ph.D., The University of Oklahoma, 1988.

Lynette Sharp Penya, Ph.D., *associate professor*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1991; M.A., University of Illinois, 1993; Ph.D., The University of Kansas, 1996.

Cindy Roper, Ph.D., *associate professor*; B.S., Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, 1975; M.A., Abilene Christian University, 1986; Ph.D., The University of Oklahoma, 1994.

John Tyson, Ph.D., *assistant professor, vice president for development*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1981; M.A., ACU, 1982; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 1990.

Dwayne VanRheenen, Ph.D., *provost, vice president of academic affairs, professor*; B.A., Harding University, 1966; M.A., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1967; Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1975.

Kristina Campos Wallace, *assistant professor*; B.S., ACU, 1999; M.A., ACU, 2000; Ph.D., candidate, Texas A&M University.

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