

Communication Studies and Theatre Arts



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Welcome to the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts Program at Delta State University. Students who major in the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts program can pursue an emphasis in either communication studies or theatre arts.

In the communication emphasis, students enroll for a variety of courses, including Interpersonal Communication, Small Group Discussion, Intercultural Communication and Rhetorical Criticism.

Students interested in an emphasis in theatre arts can pursue one of two concentrations: acting or technical theatre. In the acting emphasis, we offer a mixture of courses, including History of Theatre, Acting I, and Theatre Activities. On the technical side, students receive hands-on training in sound and lighting. Theatre majors also play a role in the production of two annual university performances.

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Regardless of career path or occupation, employers are looking for graduates who possess excellent communication skills.

From learning to speak more effectively in public to managing conflict in small group settings to performing on stage before a sold-out audience, the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts program provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in the high-tech world of the 21st century. The program's graduates have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields from government to business to education.

Moreover, with our emphasis on writing, researching, performing, and problem-solving, the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts program provides students with a strong liberal arts education. Interestingly enough, studies have found that graduates steeped in the liberal arts will enjoy more career opportunities and success than those who are lacking in this area.

The program also boasts a newly-renovated Jobe Auditorium with state-of-the-art sound and lighting facilities and new smart, electronically enhanced classrooms. In addition, the program's low student-instructor ratio uniquely allows for intensive and rewarding one-on-one interactions in the classroom. The program's effective mentoring system truly allows students to succeed at Delta State University. For all these reasons, it makes sense to major in Communication Studies and Theatre Arts!

DELTA PLAYERS

Delta Players consists of performers and crew members dedicated to presenting a variety of theatrical genres. Our program is based on the premise that most of our students, upon graduation, will be involved in secondary theatre programs. The Theatre Arts program concentrates on providing as much experience as possible in the study and presentation of appropriate materials in comedy, drama, and musical theatre. Each semester, open auditions are held campus wide for students interested in acting roles. Stage crew positions in set construction, lighting, sound, make-up and hairstyling, or costuming are selected not only from theatre majors but also from students majoring in other areas.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Since 2004, the Division of Languages and Literature has sponsored the DSU Oratorical Contest, a semi-annual event that showcases the oratorical talents of undergraduate students who are enrolled in the COM 101: Public Speaking course. Faculty members who teach the course are asked to select the best speeches from their respective course sections. Students compete for first place honors in two speech categories: Informative and Persuasive.

Careers in Communication

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