The modern workplace demands well-rounded individuals who can listen, write, speak coherently, work in groups, lead projects, think critically and persuade their followers. The Communication Studies Department emphasizes these communication essentials and empowers students to apply them in individualized programs of study relevant to their personal and professional goals.
FLEXIBILITY
Students in our programs have tremendous flexibility in how they structure their electives, and work one-on-one with advisors to customize a program of study that will best prepare them for rewarding career paths. Because of this flexibility, students are able to pick up an extra minor, do multiple internships and/or take courses that will help them develop (or find) their skills and interests.

ENGAGED LEARNING
Throughout their time at Belmont, Communication Studies students are engaged in rich learning experiences. Theory comes to life when students actively apply it in real-world contexts. For example, in recent years:

• Family Communication students created video family memoirs for residents of a nearby retirement home;

• Students studied communication all over the world, from Sydney to London to Guatemala;

• Majors and minors staffed our Speech Lab and peer-tutored students in the basic public speaking course;

• Students interned in a variety of organizations and industries to build their portfolios and prepare for the world of work.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

COURSES YOU WILL TAKE:
• Persuasion
• Interpersonal Communication
• Business & Professional Communication
• Intercultural Communication
• Theories of Public Communication

COURSES YOU MIGHT TAKE:
• Family Communication
• Gender & Communication
• Social Networking
• Conflict Management
• Rhetoric of Social Movements
• Political Communication
• Argumentation & Debate
• Organizational Communication
• Crisis Communication
• Communication Internship

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:
• Nationally recognized Belmont Speech & Debate Team
• Psi Gamma, our active chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Honor Society affiliated with the National Communication Association

“When I was offered a job in banking, I was flattered but quickly admitted I had no banking or finance experience. To my surprise, it wasn’t finance experience they were looking for ... the systems can be taught, but communication skills are more difficult to develop. Belmont’s Communication Studies program helped me sharpen these skills and laid the foundation for my career.”

ALLIE SMITH MILLER
Reliant Bank