

Speech Communications

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Tell me more ...

The Speech Communications major is designed for students interested in either rhetorical studies or communication systems and offers an opportunity for hands-on experience through internships, innovative classroom techniques, peer teaching opportunities, and an award-winning mock trial team.

What will I experience at HBU?

- You will work with faculty who are known internationally for their work in environmental communication, forensics, mock trial, new communication technologies and political communication.
- You will have an opportunity to work with and coach other HBU students in presentation style, communication apprehension and speech design at the University's Academic Resource Center, where faculty organize the oral component.
- You can apply for internships and gain real-world experience.
- You can participate in HBU's Mock Trial Team, which in 2003 competed at the American Mock Trial Association's National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament, as well as other tournaments during the year.

What foundation courses do I take at HBU?*

Bachelor of Arts: Christianity 1313, 1323 and 3 additional hours; English 1313, 1323, Proficiency Exam; Speech Communications 1313; Mathematics 1305 or higher; Science with Laboratory (4 hours); CISM 1321 or higher; Social and Behavioral Science Electives (9); Humanities and Fine Arts Electives (15); Kinesiology 2202; two majors (48); Program Requirements/Electives (28) - *Freshman Year Experience*, if required.

Bachelor of Science: Same as above except Science with Laboratory (8 hours); Science and Behavioral Science Electives (6 hours); Program Requirements/Electives (27 hours).

+For degrees other than the Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Music or the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Houston Baptist requires students to have two academic majors.

* This represents an overview of courses. For specific program requirements for your degree, please refer to the 2004-2006 University Catalog.

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What will I study at HBU?*

The Communication Process 1313; *Public Speaking* 2313; *Communication Theory* 3323; *Rhetorical Studies* (9 hours); *Communication Systems* (9 hours); two *Senior Seminars*.

Additional hours are required to be certified to teach speech communications.

How does it apply to a second major?+

Speech Communications can be combined with virtually any major on campus. Effective communication is vital in the "working world." Regardless of your career path, a major in communications can help.

Where can I go from here?

Career opportunities in communications are growing every day and include careers in business, consulting, education, government/politics, international relations and negotiations, law, and social and human services. Many of the Christianity/ Speech Communications majors are pastors and several graduates are continuing their education with advanced degrees in theology, communication or law. Many other graduates are teaching.

What people are saying ...



"As I go into the ministry, HBU's Speech Communications major is one of the most applicable majors on campus. Everyone uses communication in just about every aspect of their lives. How I communicate and understanding how others communicate with me is very important. The major lays a good foundation that I can stand on."

Trey Fleming BA '03
Speech Communications and Christianity

"The Communication Department at HBU has given me the solid foundation needed to be a good communicator regardless of whether I am teaching a speech class in a high school, an adult Bible class at church, a class of immigrants wanting to learn English, or helping someone overcome their apprehension of public speaking. Not only did I learn the basics of the communication process and the theories behind it, but the variety of classes available at HBU allowed me to explore the other aspects of how we communicate with different cultures, in small groups, and even how to argue to get my point across."

Anita Gross BA '04
Speech Communications and Pedagogy

