## Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences – Media & Communications Studies | Bachelor of Arts

### First Year (0-45 credits)
- Explore [Media & Communication Studies Webpage](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu)
- Meet with [Professors/Pre-Major Advisors](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/advising)
- Consider taking the Career Exploration class [BISSKL 250](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/courses)
- Explore [study abroad opportunities](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/studyabroad) through IAS

### 2nd & 3rd Years (45-135 credits)
- Explore [faculty bio pages](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/_faculty) and the [undergraduate research database](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/research) to find research opportunities – earn credit through BIS 398, BIS 492, or BIS 498
- Explore [graduate school options](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/admissions)
- Participate in [Community-Based Learning and Research (CBLR)](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/cblr) coursework
- Participate in a [study abroad program](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/studyabroad)

### 4+ Years (135+ credits)
- Complete BIS 499 [Portfolio Capstone](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/capstone)
- Apply to graduate school (if applicable), make an appointment with [Career Services](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/careerservices) to help you with the process

### Career Development Checklist
- Register on Handshake
- Develop Resume
- Build LinkedIn & Handshake profiles
- Network with alumni/industry professionals
- Research careers and skill requirements for your major
- Participate in an internship
- Practice mock interviews
- Develop list of references and recommenders

### Employment Opportunities:
- Business, Media, Public Relations/Advertising, Government, Higher Education
- Sales, Marketing, Administration/Management, Film/Video Editing, Media Production, Social Media Management

### Related Careers:
- Sales, Marketing, Administration/Management, Film/Video Editing, Media Production, Social Media Management

### Licensing/Certification:
- Communications Certificate

### Post-Baccalaureate Degree Paths:
- Master’s in Public Administration, Master’s in Media Communications, PhD in Communications

### Companies who have hired on Handshake:
- General Motors, KPMG, Amazon, Moss Adams, YouTube, Vulcan Inc.

### Professional Associations:
- American Marketing Association, National Association of Broadcasters, Radio Television and Digital News Association

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### Education
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### Hands on Learning
**What can I do to achieve my goals?**
- Use the [UW Bothell’s LinkedIn Alumni page](http://www.linkedin.com/), [WOIS.org](http://www.wois.org), [What Can I Do With This Major](http://www.whatcanidowiththismajor.com), and [O*NET Online](http://www.onetonline.org) to research careers and skill requirements
- Join a [club or student government](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/studentlife) to build skills in leadership, communication, and working with diverse populations
- Join [Student Media](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/studentmedia) to gain experience in book publishing, interviewing, reporting, broadcasting, marketing, and leadership
- Find [volunteer opportunities](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/volunteer) with your community or local non-profit

### Career Preparation
**How can I help myself get a job?**
- Make your [first appointment with Career Services](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/careerservices) to develop your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Register for [Handshake](http://www.handshake.washington.edu) (UW’s free job and internship board) and complete your profile
- Participate in a [Career Trek](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/careertrek), an interactive opportunity to explore career options and pathways
- Conduct [informational interviews](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/interviews) with alumni and other industry professionals for career advice, job research, and discuss mentorship opportunities

- Intern with an employer/career of interest – and earn credit via [BIS 495](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/courses)
- Job shadow to clarify career interests
- Update [resume](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/resumes) with relevant academic coursework/project
- Update [LinkedIn/e-portfolio](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/ournetwork) and [Handshake](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/careerservices) profile with projects and accomplishments which highlight your skills
- Apply to [Student Employment](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/employment) opportunities to gain experience and leadership

- Practice your [elevator speech](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/elevator) and network with faculty, peers and alumni for post-graduation planning
- Join the [UW Alumni Association](http://www.alumni.washington.edu) and [Husky Landing](http://www.huskylanding.washington.edu) to stay connected and attend networking events
- Utilize [LinkedIn Learning](http://www.linkedin.com/learning) to develop and enhance skills

- Apply to [Student Employment](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/employment) opportunities to gain experience and leadership
- Visit [Career Services](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/careerservices) to refine your resume/LinkedIn profile, job search strategies, and interview skills
- Develop a list of [academic references and recommenders](http://www.mediacomm.washington.edu/references)
- Begin applying for jobs

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