

# COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

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## College of Communication and Information

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The disciplines represented within the College of Communication and Information emphasize different aspects of communication and information theory, research, use and practice. Yet, they all focus on the elements and means of creating, managing, using and evaluating messages, and on information components and processes that are central to communication interaction.

The evolution of digital and electronic media has blurred the distinctions and narrowed the traditional differences between and among communication and information disciplines. The College of Communication and Information provides a coherent and unified structure for the cohesive, collaborative and convergent study of human interaction and information design, production, processing, management,

exchange and evaluation, while retaining the unique perspectives and content foci of programs within each of the constituent schools.

The college links programs with a pedagogical and research interest in new technology for information and communication uses, distribution and content. In addition, the School of Communication Studies houses the Communication Instructional Resource Lab and the Communication Research Center. The School of Journalism and Mass Communication houses two centers: the Center for Scholastic Journalism and the Media Law Center for Ethics and Access. The School of Information houses the Center for the Study of Librarianship and the Center for the Study of Information and Religion. In partnership with regional, national and international businesses and organizations, the School of Visual Communication Design engages in multidisciplinary research focused on socially responsible design concepts.

## Departments and Schools

- School of Communication Studies
- School of Digital Sciences
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- School of Information
- School of Visual Communication Design

## Undergraduate Programs

- Advertising - B.S.
- Communication Studies - B.A.
- Digital Media Production - B.S.
- Digital Sciences - B.A.
- Digital Sciences - B.S.
- Journalism - B.S.
- Photo-Illustration - B.F.A.
- Public Relations - B.S.
- Visual Communication Design - B.A.
- Visual Communication Design - B.F.A.

## Minors

- Advertising
- Communication Studies
- Design
- Digital Media Production
- Digital Sciences
- Fashion Media
- Global Communication
- Health Communication
- Information Design
- Interpersonal Communication
- Media Literacy
- Organizational Communication
- Photo-Illustration
- Photojournalism
- Public Communication
- Public Relations
- User Experience Design
- Visual Journalism

## Graduate Programs

- Communication and Information - Ph.D.
- Communication Studies - M.A.
- Digital Sciences - M.D.S.
- Health Informatics - M.S.
- Journalism and Mass Communication - M.A.
- K-12 School Library Media Licensure (Non-Degree)
- Knowledge Management - M.S.
- Library and Information Science - M.L.I.S.
- User Experience Design - M.S.
- Visual Communication Design - M.A.
- Visual Communication Design - M.F.A.

## Graduate Programs - Dual Degrees

- Communication Studies - M.A./M.B.A. - Dual Degree Program

## Certificates

### Graduate Certificates

- Enterprise Architecture
- Health Informatics
- Web-Enabled E-Learning Knowledge Management

## College of Communication and Information Faculty

### School of Communication Studies Faculty

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- Duncan, Rozell R. (1989), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 1996
- Egbert-Scheibelhoffer, Nichole L. (2000), Professor, Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2000
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