INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR, B.A.–CULTURAL STUDIES

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The cultural studies program is designed to give students the opportunity to create a rigorous, interdisciplinary-multidisciplinary program organized around a particular theme, question, problem, or interest (e.g., third world/ethnic studies, technology, science studies, theory, neoliberalism, labor, disability, popular culture, etc.), or to establish links across a range of classes that define a specific intellectual focus. Cultural studies offers a home to students united by questions of the complex, dynamic workings of culture in contexts of power.

The major is designed for undergraduate students who wish to combine the strengths of various departments and curricula in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students in the cultural studies program tend to be strongly motivated, self-disciplined, intellectually curious, and able to assume greater responsibility for their education. The program is distinguished by intensive advising, collaboration across disciplinary perspectives, and opportunities to extend learning beyond the space of the classroom. Students interested in cultural studies should meet with one of the directors of the program to explore their interests and choose an advisor.

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Department Programs

Majors

• Communication Studies Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/communication-studies-major-ba/)

• Interdisciplinary Studies Major, B.A.–Cultural Studies (p. 1)

Minor

• Writing for the Screen and Stage Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/writing-screen-stage-minor/)

Graduate Programs

• Ph.D. in Communication Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/communication/)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must

• earn a minimum final cumulative GPA of 2.000

• complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses

• take at least half of their major core requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill

• earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the major core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for major or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementsx).
advisor in the department. Please see the department website (http://comm.unc.edu/undergraduate-studies/independent-study/) for details.

Internships
The department has an extensive internship program (http://comm.unc.edu/undergraduate-studies/internships/) in media-related industries, business, public service, and other organizations. Internships allow students to explore the relationship between communication theory and its practice in everyday life. Credit can be obtained through consultation with the internship advisor and enrollment in COMM 393. More than 100 organizations have participated in the program. The department also offers the Hollywood Internship Program, a summer study and work opportunity for selected students interested in pursuing careers in the film industry. Note: Internship credit counts as elective hours and does not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the major.

WUNC Radio and WUNC-TV
Limited opportunities exist for internships and employment with the public radio and television stations in Chapel Hill and in the Research Triangle Park.

Performance Opportunities
Students are involved in writing and adapting plays and screenplays, directing, and participating in staged productions for the public. Additionally, students often appear in regular performances sponsored by graduate students in the Department of Communication and in productions directed by faculty members.

Student Television (STV)
STV is a student-run video production operation that provides hands-on opportunities in a variety of programming assignments.

Carolina Film Association (CFA)
About
This association is committed to enabling students in developing their cinematic craft. It accomplishes its mission by offering resources and guidance to students pursuing cinematic projects through self-contained or episodic forms.

Study Abroad
Students may take coursework toward the major through the University’s study abroad program. Departmental approval for major credit is required.

Undergraduate Awards
The department offers a number of awards for leadership and contributions to the field, in all areas of specialization. Awards are presented at a department ceremony in the spring semester.