Majors and Minors

MAJORS:
• Communication Studies
• English
• Interdisciplinary Studies
• Media Studies

MINORS:
• Business Communication
• Film/Visual Culture
• Literature
• Media Studies
• Spanish
• Speech/Rhetoric
• Theater
• Writing

Communication Arts

The Communication Arts Department will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to master the art of communication. Whatever your ambition, whether you wish to become a writer or literary critic, an actor or filmmaker, a blogger or a public relations professional, Judson’s Communication Arts Department will prepare you to be a successful communicator. In our program, you will learn to:

• Sharpen the skills for reading, writing, speaking, and listening that enable effective participation in society.
• Understand different modes of communication—such as language, literature, and media—in both high and popular forms.
• Analyze the cultural impact of communications in both local and global contexts.
• Enjoy communication as a divine gift.

Program Distinctives

• Judson is located just 40 minutes from Chicago, a major city with a rich arts community and professional opportunities.
• The Communication Arts Department hosts frequent special events for students to gain experience in their fields:
  • Communication Arts Conference, where students present their work to peers and faculty for critique with a scholarship prize
  • Imago Film Festival, one of a very few Christian film festivals in the Midwest that features original films and offers prizes
  • Monthly media experience trips to Chicago and the surrounding areas
  • Three dramatic theater productions annually
  • Filming, editing and production for Judson’s Annual World Leaders Forum, featuring past keynote speakers Mikhail Gorbachev and George W. Bush
  • Post-term study tours to communication events and media centers (New York, Stratford, Ontario)
• English majors enjoy theme-based courses for in-depth study on one concept such as “Man and Woman,” “Hero and Anti-Hero,” “Nature,” or “Prophetic Comedy,” which involves a global range of texts spanning the classical period to contemporary new media.
• Judson’s interdisciplinary major allows you to tailor a major uniquely suited to your interests and career goals, while guided by an advisor.
• A capstone Senior Research Project prepares you for research, writing and speaking skills needed for work at the graduate school level.
• Study a semester in England at Harlaxton University or the University of Oxford, all for the same tuition as Judson.
CAREER PATHWAYS

With the academic, personal, and professional skills gained through these majors, graduates can pursue rewarding careers as:

- Chief Executive Officers
- Public Relations Practitioners and Event Planners
- Screenwriters
- Online Media Producers and Content Managers
- Social Media Directors
- Technical Writers
- Journalists (both traditional and on-line)
- Film and Video Creators (producers, editors, directors, special effects specialists, photographers)
- Marketing Directors
- Editors
- Creative Writers and Non-fiction Authors
- Professors of English
- Digital Media Managers
- Web Developers
- Lawyers

RECENT ALUMNI HAVE ATTENDED THESE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- DePaul University
- University of Illinois (Urbana)
- Anderson University School of Theology
- Bradley University

ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS WHERE ALUMNI ARE EMPLOYED

- Baird GM
- Kent Cook Aircraft International
- City of Elgin
- Sherman Hospital
- University of Oxford
- Tyndale House Publishers
- Wanderlust Productions
- Urban Ministries, Administer Justice
- Character Entertainment
- Imago Community

ABOUT JUDSON

Judson University ranks consistently among the Top Tier of Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers Bachelor of Arts degrees for more than 50 majors/minors as well as adult degree programs and graduate programs. All majors offer opportunities for students to engage in internships, practicums, service-learning, or field experiences. Students also gain cross-cultural understanding through service-learning, mission trips, or studying abroad. Located just 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago, Judson offers a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships, and life after graduation.

FINANCIAL AID

Judson offers financial aid options for 90 percent of its students. Find out just how much value our students receive by visiting campus and meeting with our financial aid officers, who work to help students afford a Judson education. Scholarships for academics, honors, and co-curricular activities, such as athletics, music, and theatre are available to all majors.

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