Portrait of the Major
Offering one of the largest programs at Thiel College, the Communication Department allows majors to balance practice and theory and foster a personal, dynamic, creative environment in which they will learn from mentors in the classroom, the studio and/or newsroom.

Curriculum Highlights
Three majors—media communication, communication studies and business communication (in conjunction with the Business Department)—are offered. From communication theory to mass media, the Department of Communication is committed to developing in each student an appreciation and understanding for the dynamic, creative impulse to communicate persuasively and precisely with a variety of audiences.

Special Features
By studying communication at Thiel College, you’ll be able to:
• Practice in your field from day one—Thiel College campus media include a newspaper, yearbook, radio station and TV channel and our majors staff these organizations at all levels. From your first day on campus, you’ll be working in the media and gaining leadership experience while honing your skills!
• Benefit from one-on-one instruction with faculty who are media professionals—our faculty have worked in many facets of the media industry and with Thiel’s small student-to-faculty ratio, you’ll personally benefit from their years of experience.
• Make a difference while getting real-world experience—service learning is a part of many communication courses at Thiel College. You’ll be able to work with diverse populations such as the homeless, elderly and at-risk teens to benefit the community while gaining valuable experience in media, small group and other forms of communication.
• Explore the world—communication is a global endeavor and our students experience communication in a variety of countries through study abroad and summer cultural exchange trips.
• Be part of a growing major—it is an exciting time to be a part of the Communication Department at Thiel College. With two new minors—public relations and film studies—and a new facility—the James Pedas ’50 Communication Center—set to break ground soon, you will be part of a unique, comprehensive program poised for success.

Career and Graduate School Outlook
A communication degree is a broad major that will prepare you for graduate school and positions in sales, marketing public relations and human resources in nonprofit and for-profit companies as well as positions in the media, from newspapers to the television and film industries.

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