The Department of Telecommunication consistently ranks among the top five in the United States and is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

About this Program
- **College:** Journalism and Communications
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication
- **Credits for Degree:** 124
- **Additional Information**
  - Contact: 1.855.99GATOR
  - Related Telecommunication Programs

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Telecommunication: Media and Society focuses on the theories, methods and techniques used to play, produce and distribute audio and video programs and messages; personnel and facilities management; marketing and distribution; media regulations, law and policy; and principles of broadcast technology. It prepares individuals to work in media organizations and those organizations that use electronic media, such as political campaigns, government, education and business.

Students can also use the communication skills they acquire to pursue graduate degrees. Students majoring in telecommunication participate in the university's six broadcast stations, other on campus facilities such as the Gator Network and elective internships throughout the world.

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Specialization Electives
- Select 12 credits (see Model Semester tab) 12
- Total Credits 47

Related Telecommunication Programs
- Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication

Critical Tracking
Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1
- 2.0 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 2
- Complete 2 of 6 critical-tracking courses: AMH 2020, ECO 2013, POS 2041, RTV 2100 (MMC 2100 can be substituted for RTV 2100), RTV 3001 and an approved English elective
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 3
- Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 4
- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
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Semester 5
- Complete all critical-tracking courses

Model Semester Plan
To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold.

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Semester Two
- ECO 2013 | Principles of Macroeconomics (Critical Tracking) | 4 |
- State Core Gen Ed Humanities with International | 3 |
- Elective (inside college) | 3 |
- Select one English elective (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Composition): 1 | 3 |
- ENC 1102 | Argument and Persuasion | |
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### Academic Learning Compact

The major in telecommunication, which includes specializations in management, media and society, news and production, prepares students to understand the means of communicating with diverse audiences and to use the tools of information gathering and storytelling to communicate with those audiences through electronic media such as video, audio and interactive technologies. Through study and practical application, students gain knowledge of the history, norms and legal and ethical milieu of the telecommunication professions. Students learn to locate and use reference tools and to demonstrate the ability to communicate independent, critical perspectives.

### Before Graduating Students Must
- Achieve a passing score of 70% on your student portfolio, which will be evaluated by faculty members and/or professionals in each specialty.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

### Students in the Major Will Learn to

#### Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

**Content**

1. Identify, describe or apply concepts and theories in the use and presentation of content.
2. Identify, describe or apply professional ethical principles and the importance of truth, accuracy, fairness and diversity.
3. Identify, describe or apply the tools and technologies appropriate for the telecommunication professions.

**Critical Thinking**

4. Gather information, conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the telecommunication professions.
5. Produce appropriate output that demonstrates creativity and critical thinking, independently or collaboratively.

Communication
6. Communicate effectively in forms and styles appropriate to the telecommunication professions, audiences and the purposes they serve.

Curriculum Map

I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed

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Assessment Types

- Policy memo and exam in addition to:
- **Management**: written and oral presentation of a strategic plan developed for a client
- **Media and Society**: written final project
- **News**: portfolio of two radio or television news stories produced in RTV 3304
- **Production**: final video project