Communications and Media

Verbal and written communication is a part of everyday life and Sun Devils with an interest in this career area can work in a variety of professions and industries. One of the largest segments of this career field is mass media, broadcast journalism, marketing and social media. ASU is one of the top institutions producing students in the field of communications and media, and Sun Devils leave with a better understanding of how to connect and reach others through visual media and interpersonal interactions.

**Possible career fields**
- Advertising/Marketing/Sales
- Animation
- Business Management
- Coach/Consultant
- Entrepreneurism
- Event Planning
- Graphic Design
- Game Design
- Government
- Higher Education
- Human Resources
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Law
- Non-Profit
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Radio Broadcasting
- TV/Film/Video
- Social Media
- Social Services
- Speech/Pathology/Audiology
- Translating/Interpreting
- Writing/Editing/Publishing

**Tips for success**

**Networking**
It’s important to connect with industry professionals who can provide more information on specific careers, as well as introduce you to potential professional associations and community organizations related to your interests. Check out [mentorship.asu.edu](http://mentorship.asu.edu)

**Create an Online Portfolio**
Having an online portfolio allows you to showcase your talents via video, photos or writing and can include activities ranging from performing arts (dance, music, theatre) to marketing or journalism.

**Gain experience through volunteering and internships**
Internships and volunteer experience can help you develop crucial hands-on training, which is especially important in gaining employment opportunities. Internships and volunteer experience also allow for building rapport with industry professionals.

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Professional associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this career field. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in the industry, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- Advertising Educational Foundation
- Association of Education and Journalism and Mass Communications
- Industrial Designers Society of America
- International Communication Association
- National Communication Association
- Public Relations Society of America
- Public Relations Consultants Association
- Radio, Television and Digital News
- Association Society for Technical Communication
- Society for Marketing Professional Services
- The Association for Women in Communications

Student organizations at ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check Sun Devil Sync for more information on joining student organizations.

- Association of Human Communication
- Association of Visual Communication Designers
- Cronkite Foreign Affairs and International Reporting Club
- KASC The Blaze 1330am
- National Association of Black Journalists
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
- Public Relations Student Society of America
- The Cut
- The State Press
- The Cronkite File
- Student Academy of Audiology
- Society of Professional Journalists
- Walter Cronkite College Council

Next steps

Try searching for internships on Handshake or volunteer opportunities with VolunteerMatch.

Tap into the ASU Mentor Network

Seek out alumni and professionals through ASU’s online platform driving powerful professional connections within the Sun Devil community. mentorship.asu.edu