

College of Communication

Summer Orientation – Hints and Tips for College Success

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Be Part of the College of Communication Community!



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Communication

Some stats:

- 800 undergraduates
- 100 graduate students
- 60 full time faculty
- Two campuses (Loop & LPC)
- Full-time academic advisors
- Professional and academic courses
- **Skills you'll use across your lifetime**

Communication is the number one skill required by job ads on LinkedIn

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Take your required classes early...

All CMN students take the same four core classes

CMN 101: Intro to Human Communication

CMN 102: Intro to Mass Communication

CMN 103: Intercultural Dialogue

CMN 104: Public Speaking



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Transfer students – check with advisor!

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...and remember your learning domains throughout...

Common Core

FYP



Chicago
Quarter



Focal Point
Seminar



First-Year
Writing



Quantitative
Reasoning



Seminar on
Race, Power,
and Resistance
(previously Multiculturalism
in the United States)



Experiential
Learning



Senior
Capstone

Learning Domains



Arts and
Literature



Historical
Inquiry



Philosophical
Inquiry



Social, Cultural
and Behavioral
Inquiry



Religious
Dimensions



Scientific
Inquiry



Math and
Computing

x2 each

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...but don't forget your fun classes too!

We are THE college for fun classes!

- Comics and games
- Fandom and Participatory Culture
 - LollaU
- Digital Media Skills
- Advertising Campaigns
- Sports, Media, and Society
 - Documentary Studies
 - Mindfulness
 - Photojournalism
- Deceptive Communication
 - C2E2
 - Event Planning
- Communication and Dating
 - And many more...



3 . Space out all your requirements

Core Requirements

Four foundation courses for all communication majors

Liberal Studies Program

Heavy on these courses your first few years

Major Classes

Weave in first few years, heavy by junior year

Open Electives

Fun and interesting courses, minor, dual major



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Tips for great DePaul etiquette



- Ask how a professor wants to be addressed
 - Visit professors in office hours!
 - Ask questions, participate, come eager
- Polite, concise, professional emails are always appreciated
 - Embrace diversity of learning styles and patterns...
 - ...and get to know how YOU learn best
 - Feedback isn't criticism – it's a tool for growth
 - Always carry a zip-loc bag or Tupperware... ☺

5. Learn How to Dialogue



The College of Communication values small classes with engaging discussions.

Come to all your classes with an open mind and a kind demeanor!

- (1) Engage in Respectful Dialogue
- (2) Facilitate Respectful and Productive Discussion
- (3) Practice Active Listening and Empathic Responding

Dialogue is one form of discussion, driven by curiosity and shared humanity, where participants explore a range of perspectives and experiences without the pressure or objective to agree or find resolution.

6 . Maximize your tuition...



Traditionally three quarters per year: **Fall, Winter, Spring...**

...but consider Summer & **December Intersession**

Typical Class Load – 4 courses,
16 credit hours per term
(but tuition pays for 18...)

7 . Be Conscious of the Positives and Negatives of Generative AI

DePaul does not have a standard set of rules that apply to AI

Respect your Professor's individual perspective on AI

Be aware of the ramifications of using AI
(environmental, creative, ethical, legal, etc.)

Devote yourself to responsible and ethical AI use



THE DEPAUL AI INSTITUTE

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See your classes as something to look forward to

In-person
classes

Online
Synch
classes

Online
Asynch
classes

- ✓ Small student-professor ratio
- ✓ Personal attention
- ✓ Award-winning teachers
- ✓ Access to new technology
- ✓ Professionals as your Professors
- ✓ The City as Campus

Hybrid in-
person/
Asynch
class

Flex
modality

Hybrid in-
person/
Synch
class

How do you class?

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Spend time with your academic advisor



Ashlyn Lozano



Seth Horning



Kitty Muto



Ginny Nightingale



Katie Walsh

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Do an internship. Do two.



- ✓ Real-world experience
- ✓ Earn credit towards degree
- ✓ Supervised, relevant work
- ✓ Most internships are paid

Sample of 2025-2026 Placements:

ABC7, Block Club Chicago, Chicago Red Stars, Chicago Sky, Chicago Star Media, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Twenty Something, ESPN Chicago, Executives' Club of Chicago, Fallon PR, Leo Burnett, Lincoln Park Zoo, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Modern Luxury, NBC Universal, PAWS Chicago, Pro Sports Fans, Uncommon Ground, WBEZ

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Study abroad!

France and London –
Portfolio Building

Madrid & Barcelona –
Cinema and the City

London & Edinburgh –
Gothic monsters

Rome – Italian
Film

New York –
Public Relations,
Advertising, and
Journalism

São Paulo, Brazil –
Fashion Branding and
Sustainability in Brazil

Taiwan and Japan –
Global Branding and
Youth Culture through
Anime



12. Join Pre-Professional Organizations



13. Participate in our Student Media Outlets

The **DEPAULIA**

Best Community Reporting– 2026 Peter Lisagor Awards
Best Political/Government Reporting-2026 Peter Lisagor Awards
2024 Best Newspaper Finalist (Pacemaker Awards)
2024 Best Breaking News 2nd Place (College Media Pinnacle Awards)

First Place, Arts & Entertainment Story – College Media Association

Best Videography
Best Retail/Small Business Reporting
Finalist: Best Investigative Reporting & Feature Videography
- 2025 Society of Professional Journalists Awards

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Best Campus Coverage by Student Journalist – 2026 Peter Lisagor Awards
Finalist: Best News Reporting
Finalist: Best All-Around Television Newscast
- 2025 Society of Professional Journalists Awards

2025 Best Comedy Program
2025 Best News Interview Finalist
2025 Best Air-Check
2025 Best On-Air Personality



14. Attend fun events



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Check your email (this one gets its own page)



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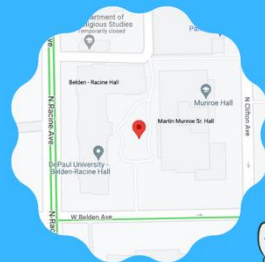
WELCOME BACK PARTY

*Grilling, Chilling &
Lawn Games*

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

4:30-6:00 P.M.

**IN THE
COURTYARD
LOCATED ON THE
WEST SIDE OF
MUNROE HALL**



(mark your calendars for our annual start-of-the-year BBQ!)

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Final tip:
Come here,
find your voice

Paul Booth: pbooth@depaul.edu – email me to
say what you're most excited about!

