

## The Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows in Communication Arts & Sciences

The Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts and Schreyer Honors College, is pleased to provide its most capable and ambitious students with experiences worthy of their abilities.

Through *The Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows Program*, the walls of the classroom extend well beyond the brick and mortar of traditional education. It is our goal to provide the opportunities for experiences that will broaden students' perspectives, enrich their ability to think about the world, and provide a significant context for the application of their talents and interests.

Our goal is boundless possibility.

The College of Liberal Arts has set guidelines for this prestigious program. In order to suit the major of Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS), the department has outlined additional criteria:

### Entrance to the Program

Following their first or second year, students may apply as Fellows to the Schreyer Honors College if they have taken at least one honors course in CAS and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5, which must be maintained throughout their academic career. Upon acceptance, they must consult regularly with the department's honors adviser to map a course of study. By the second semester of their junior year, they must identify a faculty mentor for the purpose of planning their senior capstone project.

### CAS-Specific Requirements and Opportunities

#### **Cross-Cultural Experience**

Fellows must complete at least 6 credits in:

~Education Abroad

- ◆ Departmentally based opportunities in Rome, Athens, and on the island of St. Martin are encouraged; students may, however, choose from a vast array of programs.

*and/or*

~Cross-Cultural Internship

- ◆ Arranged on a student-by-student basis, these internships will activate students' professional and/or research interests in a setting that is culturally different from their personal backgrounds.
- ◆ All internship criteria and requirements will apply.
- ◆ Students may use this internship as the foundation for the required *Senior Capstone Research Paper* (see below).

#### **Specific Course Requirements** (*with individualized scheduling*)

At least one ethics-enhanced course

Suggested List (others may be proposed)

CAS 175 – Persuasion and Propaganda

CAS 352 – Organizational Communication

CAS 452 – Organizational Communication Theory and Research

CAS 383 – Culture and Technology

CAS 483 – Communication and Information Technology II

CAS 426W – Communication Ethics

CAS 497H – Intro to Research Methods (3 credits)

CAS 494H – Thesis Writing

At least one advanced public speaking course:

CAS 211- Informative Speaking

CAS 213 – Persuasive Speaking

CAS 214W – Speech Writing

CAS 215 – Argumentation

At least one of the following:

CAS 403 – Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research

CAS 420 – Rhetorical Theory

CAS 450W – Group Communication Theory and Research

CAS 452/452W – Organizational Communication Theory and Research

*Suggested* other: CAS 5XX(to fulfill honors credits and advance research experience)

### **Senior Capstone Research Paper**

At least 20-25 pages; to be presented before students and faculty prior to the end of graduation semester (specific deadlines to be determined yearly).